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IN THE

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HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA.

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OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THIS CONVENTION.

1850.

CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. A. Potter, D.D.	Rev. *Saml. Cowell,
“ *Wm. Adderly,	“ Thomas Crompton,
“ Thomas G. Allen,	“ Robert Davis,
“ Henry H. Bean,	“ Wm. N. Diehl,
“ F. W. Beasley,	“ B. Dorr, D.D.
“ Archibald Beatty,	“ B. J. Douglass,
“ Wm. H. Bourns,	“ J. M. Douglass,
“ Samuel Bowman, D.D.	“ *G. C. Drake,
“ George Boyd, D.D.	“ H. W. Ducachet, D.D.
“ Charles Breck,	“ Geo. A. Durborow,
“ Edward Y. Buchanan,	“ Joseph J. Elsegood,
“ Levi Bull, D.D.	“ Rees C. Evans,
“ W. M. Carmichael, D.D.	“ Geo. G. Field,
“ John A. Childs,	“ Wm. Flint, M.D.
“ Saml. A. Clark,	“ James H. Fowles,
“ Wm. J. Clark,	“ Kingston Goddard,
“ J. C. Clay, D.D.	“ John M. Goshorne,
“ J. B. Clemson,	“ Richard D. Hall,
“ Wm. Clotworthy,	“ *Anson B. Hard,
“ J. Howland Coit,	“ G. Emlen Hare, D.D.
“ John Coleman, D.D.	“ Saml. Hazlehurst,
“ Wm. C. Cooley,	“ N. S. Harris,

Rev. Wm. J. Hilton,	Rev.*William Preston,
“ Marmaduke Hirst,	“ Charles W. Quick,
“ George P. Hopkins,	“ John Rodney,
“ M. A. DeWolf Howe, D.D.	“ Joshua M. Rogers,
“ *Edward C. Jones,	“ Rudderow (Joel),
“ Norris M. Jones,	“ Peter Russell,
“ *John J. Kerr,	“ Owen E. Shannon,
“ *B. B. Killikelly, D.D.	“ George Sheets,
“ George Kirk,	“ J. B. Smith,
“ Edmund Leaf,	“ Joseph H. Smith,
“ Milton C. Lightner,	“ Richard Smith,
“ John Long,	“ Henry S. Spackman,
“ *Saml. T. Lord,	“ Nathan Stem,
“ Dwight E. Lyman,	“ William B. Stevens, D.D.,
“ John H. Marsden,	“ William Suddards,
“ A. Augustus Marple,	“ *William L. Suddards,
“ John G. Maxwell,	“ Mortimer R. Talbot,
“ Edward Mendenhall,	“ C. West Thompson,
“ George D. Miles,	“ Richard S. Trapier,
“ Danl. L. Miller,	“ Henry Tullidge,
“ George Mintzer,	“ Peter Van Pelt,
“ Henry E. Montgomery,	“ John A. Vaughan, D.D.
“ B. W. Morris,	“ H. Hastings Weld,
“ H. J. Morton, D.D.	“ *Wm. White,
“ J. P. Nash,	“ *Bird Wilson, D.D.,
“ G. W. Natt,	“ Christian Wiltberger,
“ Richard Newton,	“ T. W. Winchester,
“ Wm. H. Norris,	“ Enos Woodward,
“ Wm. H. Odenheimer,	“ James A. Woodward,
“ Fred. Ogilby,	“ Christopher B. Wyatt,
“ Wm. S. Perkins,	“ Thomas C. Yarnall.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Lewis R. Ashhurst,
 Hamilton Alriebs,
 Thomas Allibone,

Dr. John L. Atlee,
 Wm. Alexander,
 John P. Aertsen,

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| James M. Aertsen, | Herman Cope, |
| Solomon Alter, | Jno. W. Claghorn, |
| John Anderson, | Richard Clements, M. D. |
| * Dr. J. M. Allen, | * Thos. Cartmill, |
| * Jos. H. Alter, | * Charles Cook, |
| Benjamin Bannan, | Gaylord Church, |
| Charles N. Bancker, | John Crozer, |
| F. R. Backus, | David Conyngham, |
| Edward C. Biddle, | * John N. Conyngham, |
| Joseph S. Burnett, | Henry Chadwick, |
| * Leonard Blakslee, | * Pierce Crosby, |
| Wm. P. Beatty, | * Dr. Isaac Davis, |
| Simmons H. Barrett, | J. H. Dunning, |
| Alexander Brown, | Henry Dewies, |
| * Henry Buckwalter, | * J. R. Daltzell, |
| Clement Brooke, | Wm. W. Downing, |
| H. L. Bollman, | * David Dick, |
| * Wm. D. Brown, | Edwd. Davies, |
| Thomas K. Bull, | * Saml. N. Davies, |
| Lewis Brinton, | Jacob P. Donaldson, |
| Minshall B. Broomhall, | Isaac Eckert, |
| Peter Baldy, | * Charles Emory, |
| Jos. B. Baker, | Nathaniel Ellmaker, |
| Jos. Benjamin, | * Edward Evans, |
| Wm. Bean, | * Michael Errickson, |
| James C. Booth, | Thos. Evans, |
| Giles Boulton, | J. H. Evans, |
| Geo. Blight, | * Edward Foard, |
| John H. Bringham, | * Francis T. Fassit, |
| * Geo. Breck, | John Fildes, |
| Hill Brinton, | John L. Goddard, |
| * Henry W. Brinton, | Edward C. Graeff, |
| * David Brisbane, | J. C. Gunn, |
| John L. Brooke, | John Gray, |
| Joseph Cabott, | J. D. George, |
| Thomas M. Charlton, | * Jos. Gest, |
| James Cox, | Edmund Green, |
| Thomas J. Cooke, | * Clement B. Grubb, |

C. W. Harrison,
 Joseph J. Huckel,
 * James Humphreys,
 Francis Hoskins,
 * William S. Hill,
 Joseph H. Hildeburn,
 * John Holmes,
 * Thos. G. Henderson,
 Amos S. Henderson,
 Alex. L. Hayes,
 * Elias W. Hale,
 Edmund G. Harrison,
 * Jos. R. Ingersoll,
 William F. Johnston,
 A. H. James,
 Benj. F. Johnson,
 Dr. Wm. P. Johnston,
 J. Pringle Jones,
 * Cyrus H. Jacobs,
 * Rowland Jones,
 * James Johnson,
 Dr. Phineas Jenks,
 J. G. Johnson,
 William Kirkham,
 C. R. King,
 D. Rodney King,
 Joseph S. Keen,
 John W. Kester,
 Dr. Wm. H. Klapp,
 James Kempton,
 John S. Littell,
 John Lambert,
 J. Dickinson Logan, M. D.,
 * David D. Lewis,
 Lawrence Lewis,
 Wm. Letford,
 John B. Lever,
 Henry Lechler,

* Peter E. Lightner,
 * Jos. G. Lawton,
 * Dr. Caspar Morris,
 John C. Mitchell,
 Edward W. Mumford,
 * Wm. P. Michael,
 James Moore,
 John C. Montgomery,
 * Richard Moffit,
 Benj. T. McDonald,
 Alexander McLeester,
 John M'Kay,
 Matthew McPaul,
 M. McVeigh,
 * D. W. McCormick,
 * Huson Nichols,
 Edward Owen Parry,
 Frederick W. Porter,
 William Platt, Jr.,
 Asa Packer,
 John C. Pechin,
 * William B. Potts,
 * David Plank,
 * Geo. W. Pearce,
 * Jos. Potts,
 Thomas H. Powers,
 Charles S. Pancoast,
 Geo. L. J. Painter,
 Cromwell Pearce,
 Andrew Russell,
 Joseph S. Riley,
 * James Russell,
 * Robert Robb,
 Osmon Reed,
 Henry Reed,
 Z. H. Russell,
 Thomas Robins,
 * L. F. Roberts,

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| * Elisha B. Reynolds, | Geo. C. Stair, |
| * J. Stewart Riddle, | Michael Schall, |
| Jos. Richards, | * Wm. Stewart, |
| Wm. Robinson, Jr., | * Saml. G. Shoemaker, |
| Clement S. Rutter, | * John S. Struthers, |
| Robt. Ralston, | * Samuel Swift, |
| Thos. Robinson, | * Ephraim Taylor, |
| * J. Rosencrantz, | * Thomas R. Trimble, |
| * Thos. Read, | Azariah Thomas, |
| * Harvey Rowland, | Wm. Trainer, |
| * John W. Shoenberger, | * Thos. Thompson, |
| William H. Stokes, | Dr. Saml. Thomas, |
| Anthony E. Stocker, M. D., | Geo. G. Thomas, |
| Edward Shippen, | Tobias Wagner, |
| Wm. H. Sayre, | George M. Wharton, |
| George M. Stroud, | Joseph Whetham, |
| Edward T. Smith, | George R. White, |
| Joseph L. Stichter, | John R. Wilmer, |
| * James Stewart, | J. R. Wucherer, |
| Jacob L. Smith, | Francis Wharton, |
| Cornelius Stevenson, | * Wm. H. Wilson, |
| Levi B. Smith, | Hendricks B. Wright, |
| Saml. G. Slack, | * Geo. W. Woodward, |
| Wm. Stavely, | Dr. Francis West, |
| * Evan Sheeler, | Henry M. Watts, |
| Richd. S. Smith, | Wm. Welsh, |
| Dr. D. K. Shoemaker, | John P. White, |
| H. M. Sheaff, | Wm. Webb, |
| * John Shannon, | Peter Williamson, |
| Adam Slemmer, | James Williams, |
| * James W. Shrack, | S. Wagner, |
| James S. Smith, | * Jos. Winpenny, |
| Gilbert S. Sterling, | * A. Porter Wilson, |
| Isaac Sansom, | Thos. Wood, |
| Aubrey H. Smith, | Ellis Yarnall. |

NOTE —Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

ROLL OF CHURCHES APPOINTING LAY DEPUTIES TO THIS CONVENTION.

Allegheny County. Trinity church, City of Pittsburg. George R. White, John H. Shoenberger, Robert Robb.

St. Andrew's church, City of Pittsburg. H. L. Bollman, J. P. Tanner, John Holmes.

Berks County. Christ church, Reading. Hon. J. Pringle Jones, Isaac Eckert, Joseph L. Stichter.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown. David Plank, J. R. Daltzell, Levi B. Smith.

Bucks County. St. James the Greater's church. James Johnson, George Breck.

St. Luke's church, Newtown. Dr. Phineas Jenks.

St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville. Samuel G. Slack, William D. Brown, Thomas Cartmill.

Grace church, Hulmeville. Samuel Swift, Edmund G. Harrison.

Trinity church, Centreville. William Stavely.

St. Paul's church, Doylestown. A. H. James.

Carbon County. St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk. William H. Sayre, Asa Packer, Leonard Blakslee.

Chester County. St. John's church, New London township. Edward Foard, James Russel, Benjamin McDonald.

St. Mary's church, Warwick township. Thomas K. Bull, Evan Sheeler, L. F. Roberts.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley. Cromwell Pearce, John L. Brooke.

St. John's church, Pequea. Thomas G. Henderson, Amos S. Henderson, Francis T. Fassitt.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township. Ephraim Taylor, Thos. R. Trimble, Azariah Thomas.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent. Isaac Davis, M. D., Henry Buckwalter.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Lewis Brinton, Minshall B. Broomhall, George W. Pearce.

St. Peter's church, Phoenixville. M. McVeigh.

St. James' church, Downingtown. William W. Downing, William H. Wilson, James Humphreys.

St. James' church, West Marlboro'. Huson Nichols, Thomas M. Charlton.

Columbia County. Christ church, Danville. Peter Baldy, Charles Cook, Elisha B. Reynolds.

Crawford County. Christ church, Meadville. David Dick, J. Stewart Riddle, Gaylord Church.

Dauphin County. St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg. Hamilton Alricks, Wm. F. Johnston, William P. Beatty.

Delaware County. St. Paul's church, Chester. Pierce Crosby, J. G. Johnson, Dr. J. M. Allen.

St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook. Benjamin F. Johnson, William Trainer, John Gray.

St. John's church, Concord Township. Hill Brinton, Joseph Gest, Henry W. Brinton.

Calvary church, Rockdale. Richard S. Smith, John Fildes, John Crozer.

Huntingdon County. St. John's church, Huntingdon. A. Porter Wilson, Thomas Read, William Stewart.

Lancaster County. St. James' church, Lancaster. Alexander L. Hayes, Nathaniel Ellmaker, Dr. John L. Atlee.

Christ church, Leacock. David Brisbane, Henry Lechler, Peter E. Lightner.

Bangor church, Caernarvon township, Churchtown. Edward Davies, Joseph Potts, Cyrus H. Jacobs.

All Saints' church, Paradise. Joseph B. Baker, William P. Michael, David Conyngham.

Hope church. Clement B. Grubb.

Luzerne County. St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre. John N. Conyngham, Hendrick B. Wright, George W. Woodward.

Trinity church, Carbondale. Joseph Benjamin.

Lycoming County. St. James' church, Muncy. George L. J. Painter, Samuel G. Shoemaker, Dr. Thomas Wood.

Mifflin County. St. Mark's church, Lewistown. Elias W. Hale, D. W. McCormick.

Montgomery County. St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh township. Dr. D. K. Shoemaker, H. M. Sheaff.

St. James' church, Perkiomen township. Edward Evans, Wm. Bean.

St. John's church, Norristown. John Shannon, Adam Slemmer, James W. Schrack.

Christ church, Pottstown. Clement Brooke.

Northumberland County. St. Matthew's church, Sunbury. Dr. William P. Johnston.

Philadelphia County. Christ church, Philadelphia. Dr. Francis West, James C. Booth, Henry M. Watts.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. James S. Smith, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Lawrence Lewis.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. Joseph Cabot, Ellis Yarnall, G. M. Wharton.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. J. D. George, William Alexander, Samuel N. Davies.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Charles N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham, Tobias Wagner.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. Cornelius Stevenson, Thos. Robins, Jno. C. Pechin.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Herman Cope, J. W. Claghorn, Francis Hoskins.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. Michael Errickson, John P. Aertsen, Gilbert S. Sterling.

St. Luke's church, Philadelphia. William Welsh, John P. White, James M. Aertsen.

Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashurst, Frederick W. Porter, Caspar Morris, M. D.

Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia. John L. Goddard, Edward C. Biddle, Joseph Whetham.

St. Mark's church, Philadelphia. James Cox, Henry Reed, John R. Wilmer.

Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia. Joseph H. Hildeburn, Charles Emory, Richard Clements, M. D.

St. Philip's church, Spring Garden. Solomon Alter, William Webb, Thomas H. Powers.

Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. Thomas Thompson, Joseph Richards, Thomas Evans.

Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden. Osmon Reed, Joseph S. Burnett, William Platt, Jr.

Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond. Edward C. Graeff, Thomas J. Cook.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties. William Letford, John W. Kester, Henry Chadwick.

Advent church, Northern Liberties. Joseph S. Riley, T. R. Backus, Joseph J. Huckel.

All Saints' church, Moyamensing. James Moore, William Robinson, Jr., John C. Montgomery.

Church of the Evangelists, Southwark. Giles Boulton, Isaac Sansom, J. H. Evans.

Trinity church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, Clement S. Rutter, Dr. William H. Klapp.

Gloria Dei church, Southwark. James Stewart, Alexander McLeester, John McKay.

St. Jude's church, District of Penn. Francis Wharton, Jacob L. Smith, Edward W. Mumford.

St. James' church, Kingsessing. Aubrey H. Smith, Dr. Samuel Thomas, George G. Thomas.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville. John Lambert, J. Dickerson Logan, M. D., George M. Stroud.

St. James the Less church, North Penn township. Robert Ralston, George Blight, James Kempton.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township. Dr. C. R. King, C. W. Harrison, Henry Dewees.

Emmanuel church, Holmesburg. Simmons H. Barrett, J. R. Wucherer, Alexander Brown.

Trinity church, Oxford township. Edmund Green, Harvey Rowland.

St. Mark's church, Frankford. James Williams, Charles S. Pancoast.

St. Luke's church, Germantown. John S. Littell, Wm. H. Stokes, D. Rodney King.

Emmanuel church, Kensington. Jacob P. Donaldson, Matthew McPaul, Richard Moffitt.

St. Bartholomew's church, Kensington. Edward Shippen, John C Mitchell, Dr. Anthony E. Stocker.

Zion church, South Penn township. Thomas Robinson, John H. Bringhurst, John B. Lever.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. Thomas Allibone, Joseph S. Keen, Edward T. Smith.

St. David's church, Manayunk. S. Wagner, J. Rosencrantz, Joseph Winpenny.

Schuylkill County. Trinity Church, Pottsville. Edward Owen Parry, Andrew Russel, Benjamin Bannan.

St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven. William B. Potts, David D. Lewis, William S. Hill.

Zion church, Tuscarora. Joseph H. Alter, John S. Struthers.

Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair. Jos. G. Lawton.

Calvary church, Tamaqua. John Anderson, Rowland Jones.

Wayne County. Grace church, Honesdale, Dyberry parish. Z. H. Russell, J. C. Gunn, J. H. Dunning.

York County. St. John's church. George C. Stair, Michael Schall.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH. }
Tuesday, May 21st, A. D. 1850, 5 o'clock, P. M. }

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The Bishop having taken the chair, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, prepared by the Bishop, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats.
viz :

Rev. Mr. Allen,	Rev. Mr. Crumpton,
“ “ Bean,	“ Dr. Dorr,
“ “ Beatty,	“ Mr. B. J. Douglass,
“ Dr. Bowman,	“ “ Davis,
“ “ Boyd,	“ “ Diehl,
“ Mr. Breck,	“ “ J. M. Douglass,
“ “ Buchanan,	“ Dr. Ducachet,
“ Dr. Bull,	“ Mr. Durborow,
“ “ Carmichael,	“ “ Evans,
“ Mr. S. A. Clark,	“ “ Field,
“ “ W. J. Clark,	“ “ Flint,
“ Dr. Clay,	“ “ Goddard,
“ Mr. Clemson,	“ “ Hall,
“ Dr. Coleman,	“ Dr. Hare,
“ Mr. Cooley,	“ Mr. Hazlehurst,

Rev. Mr. Hirst,	Rev. Mr. Quick,
“ “ Hopkins,	“ “ Rodney,
“ Dr. Howe,	“ “ Rogers,
“ Mr. N. M. Jones,	“ “ Rudderow,
“ “ Kirk,	“ “ Russell,
“ “ Lightner,	“ “ Shannon,
“ “ Long,	“ “ Sheets,
“ Mr. Lyman,	“ “ J. B. Smith,
“ “ Marsden,	“ “ Jos. H. Smith,
“ “ Marple,	“ “ Richd. Smith,
“ “ Mendenhall,	“ “ Spackman,
“ “ Miles,	“ “ Stem,
“ “ Miller,	“ Dr. Stevens,
“ “ Mintzer,	“ Mr. Suddards,
“ “ Montgomery,	“ “ Thompson,
“ “ Morris,	“ “ Trapier,
“ Dr. Morton,	“ “ Tullidge,
“ Mr. Nash,	“ “ Weld,
“ “ Natt,	“ “ Wiltberger,
“ “ Odenheimer,	“ “ J. A. Woodward,
“ “ Ogilby,	“ “ Wyatt,
“ “ Perkins,	“ “ Yarnall,

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment in the form prescribed by Canon, and their names being recorded and called, they answered and took their seats, viz :

T. Allibone,	C. N. Bancker,
J. A. Atlee,	F. R. Backus,
W. Alexander,	E. C. Biddle,
J. P. Aertsens,	J. S. Burnett,
J. M. Aertsens,	W. P. Beatty,
S. Alter,	S. H. Barrett,
J. Anderson,	A. Brown,
B. Bannan,	H. L. Bollman,

T. K. Bull,
 L. Brinton,
 M. B. Broomhall,
 P. Baldy,
 J. Benjamin,
 W. Bean,
 G. Boulton,
 G. Blight,
 J. Cabot,
 T. M. Charlton,
 J. Cox,
 T. J. Cooke,
 H. Cope,
 J. W. Claghorn,
 R. Clements,
 G. Church,
 D. Conyngham,
 H. Chadwick,
 J. P. Donaldson,
 J. H. Dunning,
 H. Dewees,
 E. Davies,
 N. Ellmaker,
 T. Evans,
 J. H. Evans,
 J. L. Goddard,
 E. C. Graeff,
 J. C. Gunn,
 J. Gray,
 J. D. George,
 J. J. Huckel,
 F. Hoskins,
 J. H. Hildeburn,
 A. L. Hayes,
 W. F. Johnston,
 A. H. James,
 W. P. Johnston,

J. P. Jones,
 W. Kirkham,
 C. R. King,
 J. S. Keen,
 W. H. Klapp,
 J. Kempton,
 J. Lambert,
 J. D. Logan,
 L. Lewis,
 W. Letford,
 J. B. Lever,
 J. C. Mitchell,
 E. W. Mumford,
 J. C. Montgomery,
 B. F. McDonald,
 A. McLeester,
 J. McKay,
 M. McPaul,
 E. O. Parry,
 J. S. Riley,
 O. Reed,
 H. Reed,
 Z. H. Russell,
 T. Robins,
 J. Richards,
 W. Robinson, Jun.,
 C. S. Rutter,
 R. Ralston,
 T. Robinson,
 W. H. Stokes,
 A. E. Stocker,
 E. Shippen,
 W. H. Sayre,
 G. M. Stroud,
 E. T. Smith,
 J. L. Stitcher,
 J. L. Smith,

C. Stevenson,	G. M. Wharton,
L. B. Smith,	F. Wharton,
W. Stavely,	J. Whetham,
R. S. Smith,	G. R. White,
H. M. Sheaff,	H. B. Wright,
J. S. Smith,	F. West,
G. S. Sterling,	H. M. Watts,
J. Sansom,	W. Welsh,
A. H. Smith,	W. Webb,
G. S. Stair,	P. Williamson,
M. Schall,	S. Wagner,
T. Wagner,	E. Yarnall.

The Convention then proceeded to choose a Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

George M. Wharton, a Lay Deputy from St. James' Church, Philadelphia, was nominated for the office of Secretary; there being no other nomination, the balloting was dispensed with, and he was thereupon duly elected *viva voce*.

The Rev. Mr. Odenheimer, was then nominated for the office of Assistant Secretary; and there being no other nomination, he was, in like manner, duly elected Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary then read the Rules of Order from the Revised Regulations, as follows :

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the Bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before anything new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat, until the president leave the chair.

13. These Revised Regulations and Rules of Order shall not, at any time, be suspended, unless by a vote

of two-thirds of the members present; nor shall any of them be rescinded except upon one day's notice of an intention to move for their abolishment.

On motion of the Secretary, it was *Resolved*, that the House shall hold two Sessions every day, viz: from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2 o'clock P. M., and from 5 o'clock P. M. to 7 o'clock P. M., provided that it shall not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

It was also *Resolved*, That Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to this Diocese, and not entitled to seats in the Convention; and Clergymen not belonging to this Diocese; and Clergymen of the Church of England or of her colonies; and Students of Divinity of the Episcopal Church; now in this city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The following Committees were then, on motion, appointed—the members being named by the Bishop, viz:

Committee on Charters, Rev. Dr. Dorr, Rev. Messrs. Coit and Miles, Messrs. Hayes, G. R. White and T. Allibone.

Committee on Unfinished Business, Rev. Dr. Carmichael, Rev. Messrs. Mintzer and Hazlehurst.

Committee on claims of Lay Deputies to seats—Messrs. Church, Parry, and E. C. Biddle.

Committee on claims of Clergymen to seats—Rev. Dr. Hare, Rev. Messrs. Buchanan and Clemson.

The following nominations were then made by Judge Church.

For deputies to the General Convention, Clergy, Rev. Drs. Carmichael, Bowman, Morton, and Rev. Mr. Trapier. Laity, G. M. Wharton, Hon. Hopewell

Hepburn, Hon. Joseph R. Ingersoll, and Hon. John Sergeant.

By Rev. Mr. Suddards.

For Standing Committee, Rev. Drs. Morton, Hare, Howe, Vaughan, and Rev. Mr. Harvis, Messrs. Robins, P. McCall, E. C. Biddle, T. H. Powers, and T. M. Pettit.

For Deputies to General Convention, Clergy, Rev. Drs. Howe, Bowman, Stevens, and Flint. Laity, Hon. Jos. R. Ingersoll, Reuben C. Hale, Herman Cope, and Hon. J. N. Conyngham.

By Rev. Mr. Crumpton.

For Standing Committee, Clergy, Rev. Drs. Clay, Morton, Coleman, Ducachet and Dorr. Laity, G. M. Wharton, H. Binney, Jr., Henry Reed, John R. Wilmer, and James S. Newbold.

By Rev. Mr. Goddard.

For Lay Deputy to the General Convention, Hon. G. M. Stroud.

By Mr. Wm. Welsh.

For Standing Committee. The present members of that Committee, with the exception of J. W. Claghorn, in the place of Wm. Welsh, who declines being a candidate. Mr. Claghorn subsequently withdrew his name.

By the Rev. Mr. Buchanan.

For Clerical Deputies to the General Convention, Rev. Messrs. Coit and Natt.

The Secretary stated that he had received a note from Messrs. Alfred R. Potter and Chas. E. Lex, accompanying a certificate of their appointment as Lay Deputies from the Church of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia county, but that, in accordance with the decision of the Convention last year, he had not recorded their

names on the roll. He then moved to refer their letter and certificate to the Committee on the claims of Lay Deputies to seats.

Judge Stroud moved to amend, by inserting as a substitute, that the said Delegates be forthwith admitted to take their seats.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved to lay the resolution and amendment on the table—but subsequently consented not to press his motion, when Mr. J. S. Smith moved, that the Convention adjourn, which prevailed, and the Convention accordingly adjourned to attend Divine Service at 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

G. M. WHARTON, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
 Wednesday, May 22, A. D. 1850, 10 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met and attended Divine Service. The Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Wm. Flint, M. D., assisted by the Rev. George P. Hopkins, who read the lessons. The Bishop delivered his Second Charge to the Clergy. The Bishop having appointed this morning for the ordination of Messrs. Byllesby and Warner to the order of the Priesthood, proceeded with the Ordination Service. The Rev. W. B. Stevens, D. D., presented the candidate. The Rev. Drs. Bull and Stevens, and Rev. W. H. Odenheimer united with the Bishop in the laying on of hands, and assisted him in the administration of the Holy Communion.

The Convention was called to order after service. The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address, as follows:

ADDRESS.

MY BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:—

I propose to state briefly, the official acts which I have performed during the past year, and the more material changes which have taken place within the diocese.

Since we last met, I have officiated in one hundred and ten parishes, being all in the diocese except seventeen. I have preached on *one hundred and fifty-eight different occasions*, baptized *twelve* infants and *one* adult, solemnized *ten* marriages and officiated at several funerals.

The rite of *confirmation* has been administered on *eighty-six different occasions*, and the whole number of persons confirmed is *eight hundred and twenty-six*, viz.

1849. In May, at St. Mary's, West Philadelphia, 11; at the Floating Church, 8; at the Church of the Nativity, 11; at St. Luke's, Philadelphia, 1; at St. Paul's, Chester, 5; all of whom were pupils in the school of the Rev. Mr. Huntington, Aston Ridge.

In June, at Christ Church, Leacock, 4; at All Saints', Paradise, 4; at St. John's, York, 6; at St. John's, Pequea, 1; at Bangor Church, 3; at Zion Church, Tuscarora, 1; at Calvary, Tamaqua, 1; at Summit Hill, Carbon county, 3; at St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk, 2; at Calvary Church, Philadelphia, 11; at Trinity Church, Oxford, 2; at St. Mark's, Frankford, 6; in Southwark, one in private.

In July, at St. John's, Carlisle, 5; at St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, 4; at Christ's Church, Danville, 2; at St. James' Church, Muncy, 6; at St. Mark's, Northumberland, 2; at St. Matthew's, Sunbury, 1; in private, 1; at St. Peter's, Philadelphia, 1; at the Church of the Redeemer, Philadelphia, 6.

In August, at Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, 3; at Grace Church, Honesdale, 2; at St. Mark's, New Milford, 2; at St. Paul's, Montrose, 6; at St. Andrew's, Springville, 4; at Christ's, Towanda, 13; at St. Paul's, Erie, 13; at St. Peter's, Great Valley, 1; at St. Mark's, Frankford, 9; at Holmesburg, 1; at St. John's, London Cross Roads, 1.

In September, at Radnor, 1; at St. Peter's, Phila., 1.

In October, at St. Jude's, Phila., 2, from the Floating Church; at All Saints' Moyamensing, 18—one being from the Floating Church.

In November, at Kingsessing, 13; at St. Peter's, Phila. 4, all from Floating Church.

1850. In January, at Francisville, 4; Trinity, Southwark, 15; Church of the Advent, Phila., 14; St. Andrew's, Phila., 18; Gloria Dei, Phila., 6—one being from the Floating Church; St. Stephen's, Harrisburg, 6.

In February, in private, 1; at Upper Merriion, 4; Norristown, 8; Church of the Ascension, Phila., 6; Church of the Redemption, Phila., 18; Pottsville, 25; Minersville, 4; Morlatin, 4; Pottstown, 4; Manyunk, 46; Church of the Crucifixion, Phila., 14; West Chester, 4—and one in private.

In March, at Lower Dublin, 6; Oak Grove, 1; St. Jude's, Phila., 20; St. Stephen's, Phila., 6; Gloria Dei, Phila., 7; St. Peter's, Phila., 35, three of them in private; Christ Church, do., 28; Church of the Mediator, 19; St. John's, (N. L.) 24; St. James, 11; St. James the Less, 6, five of whom were pupils of the Retreat; St. Mark's, 11; Grace Church, 18; St. Paul's, 16.

In April, at Rockdale, 6; at Downingtown, 1; at Lancaster, 15; at Bellefonte, 5; Huntington, 2; Blairsville, 2; Freeport, 4; Laceyville, 8; Alleghany, 16; Trinity Church, Pittsburg, 32; Washington, 4, and one in private; Christ Church, Brownsville, 8; St. Peter's, Uniontown, 6; St. Andrew's, Pittsburg, 15.

In May, at Meadville, 10; at Waterford, 4; at Erie, 7; at St. Luke's, Philadelphia, 27; at St. Luke's, Germantown, 11—a sick seaman in private—Church of the Epiphany, 22; Church of the Nativity, 8—and a sick female in private.

Ordinations have been held on *thirteen* different occasions, *five* candidates having been admitted to the *Diaconate*, and *nine* deacons ordained *priests*.

The *Ordinations* to the Diaconate have been as follows:

On the 15th, 1849, at All Saints' Church, Phila., Mr. John K. Murphy. July 1st, at St. Luke's, Phila., Mr. Francis J. Warner. July 5th, at St. James, Phila., Mr. Samuel Cox, Jr. July 29th, at St. Paul's, Phila., Mr. Francis B. Clements, and on Nov. 17th, at St. Peter's, Phila., James Rawson, M. D.

To the *Priesthood*, nine candidates have been ordained, viz:

Oct. 3d, at St. Peter's, Phila., Rev. Joel Rudderow. Oct. 28th, at All Saints, Phila., Rev. T. S. Wiley. Nov. 18th, at the Church of the Nativity, Rev. Thos. B. Lawson. Jan. 6th, 1850, at St. Matthew's, Francisville, Rev. Benjamin J. Douglass. Feb. 17th, at Trinity

Church, Pottsville, Rev. George L. Neide. Feb. 27th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, Rev. Edward Meyer. On Good Friday, March 29th, Rev. John M. Goshorn, minister of St. Paul's, Laceyville, by the Right Rev. Bishop Uphold, acting in my behalf. April 25th, at St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, Rev. James Rawson, M. D.; and this day, in your presence, Rev. Francis J. Warner, and Rev. De Witt Clinton Byllesby.

The clergymen received into the Diocese by letters of dismission, are twelve in number, as follows:

June 14th. A letter from Bishop Delancy in behalf of Rev. Edward Meyer, now rector of Bangor Church, Churchtown.

June 14. From the Standing Committee of Mississippi, in behalf of Rev. Dr. Alexander M'Leod, who is now acting as missionary at three points, in Clearfield county, and at one in Centre county.

Oct. 3d. From Bishop Eastburn, in behalf of Rev. J. A. Stone, who has become rector of Trinity Church, Carbondale.

Oct. 17th. From Bishop Doane, in behalf of Rev. DeWitt C. Byllesby, who has become missionary at Pike and Herrick, Bradford co. and in Cherry Township, Sullivan county.

Nov. 20th. From Bishop Meade, in behalf of Rev. Joseph Wilmer, now rector of St. Mark's, Phila.

Nov. 20th. From Bishop Doane, in behalf of Rev. Dr. Ver Mehr, now missionary at San Francisco, California.

Jan. 9th, 1850. From Bishop Meade, in behalf of Rev. W. J. Jackson, who has acted as assistant minister at St. Mark's, Phila.

Jan. 14th. From Bishop Doane, in behalf of Rev. C. A. Merrick, who acts temporarily as assistant, at St. Peter's, Phila.

Jan. 31st. From Bishop DeLancey, in behalf of Rev. Charles D. Cooper, now rector of St. Philips, Phila.

April 20th. From Bishop Wittingham, in behalf of Rev. Theo. Benedict Lyman, now rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg.

May 7th. From Bishop Meade, in behalf of Rev. W. J. Bryant, who has become missionary in Mifflin County.

From Bishop Lee, in behalf of Rev. A. Prior, who has become rector of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county.

Letters of Dismission have been given in behalf of the following clergymen, viz:

Aug. 21st. To Bishop Brownell, in behalf of Rev. J. W. Hoffman.

Nov. 9th. To Bishop Lee, in behalf of Rev. S. T. Carpenter.

“ “ To the Diocese of New York, in behalf of Rev. Samuel Cox, Jr.

Jan. 14th, 1850. To the Diocese of Mississippi, in behalf of Rev. Thomas B. Lawson.

Jan. 8th. To Bishop Chase of Illinois, in behalf of Rev. J. B. Colhoun, and Rev. B. Hutchings.

Jan. 31st. To Bishop Delancy, in behalf of Rev. R. J. Parvin.

July 27th. To Bishop Doane, in behalf of Rev. S. C. Stratton.

March 15th. To Bishop McIlvaine, in behalf of Rev. J. McIlhenney.

March 16th. To Bishop Wittingham, in behalf of Rev. Thomas Quinan.

March 30th. To the Diocese of New York, in behalf of Rev. Thomas A. Starkey.

March 30th. To the Diocese of New York, in behalf of Rev. Richard U. Morgan, D. D.

Within the year, the following changes in the positions of the clergy within the Diocese, have taken place. The Rev. Mr. Bachellor has left Blairsville. The Rev. Mr. Bourns has become minister of St. John's at Huntingdon. The Rev. Mr. Clotworthy has left Clearfield county, and has become missionary in Carbon and Luzerne counties. Rev. M. C. Lightner has accepted a call to Christ church, Reading. The Rev. Mr. Murphy has acted as missionary at large in Moyamensing, and is also a temporary assistant to the Rector of St. Luke's. Trinity church, Pittsburgh, [made vacant by the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Upfold, to the Episcopate of Indiana, has been supplied by the Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, from the diocese of Maryland, who was instituted by me into the rectorship on the third Sunday after Easter. The Rev. Mr. Warner acts as missionary at large and assistant to the Rector of St. Andrews, Philadelphia. The Rev. Mr. Washburn, who has been acting as missionary in Lancaster county and Principal of the boy's school of St. James' church, Lancaster, is now engaged in classical teaching in Germantown.

Messrs. James Rawson, William Huckel, George H. Walsh, and Alexander James, have during the last year been received as *Candidates for Orders*.

The following *churches have been consecrated* within the year, viz July 18th, 1849 : St. Mark's Church, Northumberland. Sept. 18,

1849 : St. Jude's Church, in Philadelphia. October 9th, Hope Church, at Mount Hope, Lancaster county. May 21st, St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia.

The *corner stone* of Christ Church, Milton, Northumberland county, was laid on July 17th, 1849. That of the Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia, was laid on July 30th ; of St. Paul's Columbia, Lancaster county, on October 10th ; and of the Church of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia, on March 26th, 1850.

Having in former addresses dwelt at some length on various topics, in which I feel an unabated interest, I need but advert to them at this time. Among the most prominent of these, is the importance of lessening the burdens of the clergy and increasing their efficiency, by aiding them in the *education of their children, supplying them with Parsonages and Theological Libraries, and making some provision for their families in the event of their death, by means of an insurance on their lives.* These are subjects to which I invite renewed attention, in the full persuasion that the more they are considered, the more cordially their claims will be regarded. Few things are clearer or more certain than that the due extension of our Church, demands an ampler and more certain provision for the subsistence and comfort of the clergy. I have much satisfaction in reporting that several parsonages have been erected and others amterially enlarged and improved within the last two years, and that the Parish of St. Mary's, West Philadelphia, the Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden, and it is believed one or two others, took immediate measures, after the close of the last Convention, to purchase an endowment or insurance for the families of their rectors, after the inanner suggested in my address on that occasion.

Another topic on which I would gladly enlarge, is the religious training of our children. This is everywhere identified with the best hopes of the Church and of the world ; but in no country, perhaps, so much as in our own. The almost unbounded liberty to which the rising generation among us are soon to be admitted, render it all-important that they should have engraven deeply upon their hearts a sense of their responsibility to God and man.—Subordination to law can be hoped for in such a country, only when there is, during childhood, a due submission to the authority of parents, teachers and pastors. I cannot enlarge on this subject ; but I may be permitted to

remark, that as Episcopalians, it becomes us to employ that special system of training, which our Church has provided. Our Sunday schools are a great blessing; but I think their usefulness to society, in some cases, would be much increased and their service to the Church greatly augmented, if our Catechism and Liturgical services held a more prominent place, and if teachers were more carefully selected and induced to prepare themselves better for the work of instruction. It should be an object kept constantly in view,—to be pursued judiciously and in its proper place—but yet never neglected; to attach the young under our care to our own mode of worship and to our distinguishing tenets and usages. This requires positive instruction as well as the indirect and often powerful influence of custom and habit. To secure the aid even of these last, children should be early trained to respond in Sunday schools and in Church, and as far as practicable, convenient places should be provided, where they can both see and hear, during public worship.

The efforts which have been made in the diocese during the last year, to spread the Gospel, by erecting churches, by liquidating outstanding debts, by aiding in the support of missionaries, and by disseminating Tracts and the Book of Common Prayer, have been truly cheering. Hope church, in Lancaster county, a very neat and convenient stone edifice, standing in the midst of a large population, where worship in the English tongue was almost unknown, is the gift of a single communicant of the Church, Mrs. Grubb, of Mount Hope. St. Jude's church in Spring Garden district, Philadelphia county, was erected at the expense of a small number of gentlemen, and is a beautiful monument of their liberality. In the Church of the Epiphany, in this city, in St. Mark's church, in St. Andrew's church, in Grace church, in the Church of the Advent, (N. L.,) and in the Church of St. James the Less, the determination to extinguish all indebtedness, has been taken up within a few months in the noblest manner, and I cannot express the pleasure, with which I have heard of individual instances of munificence, and of the general spirit and good will with which the work is going forward. In the case of St. Mark's and of St. James the Less, all pecuniary obstacles to their consecration have been removed. The same is true of St. Paul's church, Columbia, and St. Paul's church, Doylestown, both of which are to be dedicated to the service of God next week. Trinity church, Pittsburg, which was seriously injured by

fire, something more than a year since, has been entirely refitted at an expense of nearly ten thousand dollars, and is now a beautiful edifice.

It is with sincere gratification I record the fact, that in nearly all the churches throughout the Diocese, there is a growing attention to the proper preservation of the building, and to neatness and order. This is generally accompanied by a disposition to conform the chancel arrangements to the long established usage which provides a place for the pulpit and reading desk, as well as for the Lord's Table. In the few instances in which there has been any material departure from this plan, I am assured that there has been no intention to exalt one office of the Church at the expense of others—nor any thought of disparaging the ministry of the Word. What may be the ultimate tendency of some of these arrangements is a question about which minds the most enlightened and upright will differ. Could your Bishop's opinion or wishes prevail, there would be no deviation from the old plan, which assigns a reading desk and surplice for the Morning and Evening Prayer, including the litany—the holy table, and a font in its vicinity for the Communion and Baptismal Offices—and a pulpit and gown for the sermon. Not that he conceives that these are things important in themselves; but order, sobriety and uniformity are important—especially in a communion which is still to win its way to general acceptance; and which must owe much of its power, to its blended order and simplicity. To us, more than to most Christian bodies, uniformity in the mode of conducting Christian worship in all our churches, is of moment; and it is therefore much to be deplored when childish prejudices against the surplice, or a hankering not less childish after novelties, that are none the less novelties among us, because some precedent for them can be found in the records of the distant past,—when causes like these are permitted to interfere with our peace, and perpetuate the prevalence of anomalies. He, however, would greatly underrate the tenacity with which the human mind clings on the one hand to old ideas, and on the other to new conceits, who could expect at a period like the present any other result. In the absence of canonical regulations on the subject, which in this country would be framed with great difficulty, these questions must be left in a good degree to time, and to the operation of the good sense and good feeling by which the churchmen of this Diocese are characterized.

Where the Gospel is faithfully preached and faithfully followed, there such questions will ultimately sink into comparative insignificance—and where these are wanting, little can be effected for the salvation of men, by any architectural arrangements, however they may conform to a Medieval or a Protestant standard. It is due to the frankness, which ought always to obtain between a Diocese and its Bishop, to remark further, that should evils, which have been apprehended from some recent innovations, be realized, the time will then have come, when I should conceive myself unworthy of the place I hold, if I did not exercise mildly yet firmly, the discretion with which I have been charged, in respect to the consecration of places for public worship.

It is known to the clergy that an opinion has been formally given by the Bishops of the Church,* that it was the intention of the framers of our American Prayer Book, that that part of the Communion Office, which embraces the Ten Commandments, with the Collect, Epistle and Gospel for the day, should be read after Morning Prayer on all Sundays and Holy-days, whether there be or be not a sermon. This opinion was drawn up by the first Bishop of this Diocese, who must have been acquainted with the meaning and intent of those who revised our offices, and it had I believe, his full concurrence. Independent of the reasonableness of the regulation, it seems to me to have the force and authority of law. Experience proves too, I think, that the frequent recital of the Decalogue, and the use of the proper Collect, with the admirable selections from the Gospels and Epistles, constitute a portion of our service peculiarly edifying to the Christian, and needful to all others. The number of parishes in this Diocese in which it is omitted, is, I believe, small, and I am glad to believe that it is becoming smaller.

I have reason to fear that the Churchmen of Pennsylvania are doing but little towards the circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note or comment—a work which ought ever to go hand in hand with the distribution of our Prayer Book, and the labors of our missionaries. As we have no institution of our own, in whose operations this work has a prominent place, I would follow the example of my venerable predecessor, Bishop White, in commending to your support the two societies known as the Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Bible

* See Journal of the General Convention, 1821. Appendix, No. 4.

Societies. Over one of these institutions, Bishop White presided till his death ; and I cannot more pertinently express my own views than in language employed by him, when addressing the Convention on an occasion like the present.* “Altho’ the Bible Society of this city, is not peculiarly attached to our communion, yet as its object is not only of supreme importance, but that in which all denominations of Christians agree, and as it contributes its share to the great design of publishing the glad tidings of salvation where they have been hitherto unknown, and of depositing the record of them in the hands of the destitute in all countries, nominally Christian, it has been presented to the notice of the Conventions for sundry years past, and under the continuance of this impression, there is now declared a deep conviction of the importance of the subject.”

Respecting the association of persons of different religious denominations, for other objects connected with the propagation of the Gospel, such as the circulation of a Christian literature, whether for adults or for children, I feel constrained, both by reflection and by experience, to express the same views as were held by the same venerated man. To him, it seemed to involve a stipulated silence respecting certain principles, which we hold to be scriptural and important—and silence, where it is hardly consistent with the full discharge of our duty. His apprehension too, that such associations might not prove friendly to peace, either among ourselves or with those around us, has been verified, I fear, at least to some extent, by experience.

In conclusion, I cannot but congratulate the Convention on the improved and improving condition of the Diocese. The number of Churches is increasing : our schools are doing their work efficiently ; the meetings of the clergy in district Convocations have been followed by the divine blessing ; the confirmations during the past year have been materially larger than in the preceding ; there is a better attendance in many parishes, on public worship, and the manner of conducting the service is more spirited and more exactly conformed to the requirements of the Prayer Book. These I am rejoiced to believe are but indications of a deeper and more healthy religious feeling, which implies a growing sense of our responsibilities in respect both to God and our neighbour. When I state that in a few parishes in this city, a sum

* See Journal of the Pennsylvania Convention, 1822.

ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 has been paid or pledged within the last eight months, simply towards the removal of indebtedness, and that several of these same parishes have meanwhile contributed liberally towards Church extension in this county and state, and even beyond their borders, I find in this fact a reason why we should thank God and take courage. May this good spirit extend, and may it be accompanied by all the other fruits of an earnest and steadfast faith. In our common efforts to build up the kingdom of Christ and dispense happiness among all for whom He died, may we reap a common reward. May our hearts be drawn together. May our views of divine truth gradually be assimilated; and where differences of opinion are inevitable, there may we strive after the charity that thinketh no evil, that vaunteth not itself, that is not puffed up, but hopeth all things, believeth all things, endureth all things. Charity alone is that which never faileth. Now we see through a glass darkly; but the time is coming, when all who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity will see face to face. Now we know in part, but then shall we know even as also we are known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity.

ALONZO POTTER.

Philada. May 22d, 1850.

After the delivery of which, the Convention adjourned.

G. M. WHARTON, Secretary.

Wednesday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled. The roll was called, and the Minutes of yesterday and of the Morning Session, read and approved. The following Clergymen, entitled to seats, and not before present, appeared and took their seats, viz: Rev. Messrs. Beasley, Bourns,

Child, Clotworthy, Coit, Harris, Hilton, Leaf, Maxwell, Norris, Talbot, and E. Woodward. And the following Lay Deputies, viz: Messrs. Alrichs, Ashurst, C. Brooke, Baker, Bringham, H. Brinton, J. L. Brooke, Crozer, Fildes, Green, C. W. Harrison, E. G. Harrison, A. S. Henderson, B. F. Johnson, J. G. Johnson, Jenks, C. R. King, Littell, McVeigh, Porter, Packer, Pechin, Powers, Pancoast, Painter, Pearce, Slack, D. K. Shoemaker, Slemmer, A. Thomas, Trainer, Wilmer, Wucherer, J. P. White, J. Williams and Wood,—not present yesterday and entitled to seats, appeared, having presented their proper certificates, and took their seats.

The Rev. Dr. Howe submitted from the Standing Committee as audited and approved, the Accounts of the Treasurers of the Convention and Episcopal Funds. He also presented the following Report:

The Standing Committee respectfully report, in conformity with the requirement of the 6th Section of the 9th Canon, that the following named churches, to wit: "The Church of the Messiah, Southwark," and "Trinity Church, Orangeville, Columbia county,"—have made no parochial report to the Convention for three years last past, no missionary report having been made in their behalf; and that during the same period they have neither of them employed a clergyman as parish minister, nor requested of the Bishop to have the services of a missionary.

M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 22d, 1850.

Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the churches therein named shall no longer have a right to send a deputy or deputies to the Convention.

Rev. Dr. Howe also offered the following :

The Standing Committee herewith present the charter of St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, and the Articles of Association of St. Andrew's Church, Clearfield, which they have examined, and find to be in the form required by the Canon.

Respectfully,

M. A. DEWOLFE HOWE, Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 22d, 1850.

On motion, the Charter and Articles of Association of said Churches were referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Convention then proceeded to the order of the day, viz., the election of officers. Rev. Messrs. Buchanan, Thompson, J. B. Smith and S. A. Clark were appointed Tellers to receive the votes of the Clergy—and Messrs. Wright, Kirkham, Ashurst and Ellmaker, Tellers, to receive the votes of the Lay Representations.

While the Tellers were engaged in counting the votes, the Rev. Dr. Carmichael, by leave, presented the following :

The Committee on Unfinished Business desired its Chairman to report, that having examined the Journal of the last Convention, they find the following items still on record, for farther action, viz.,

1. On page 59, a resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. Upfold, requesting the Treasurer of Convention to de-

wise and report to the next Annual Convention of the Diocese, some plan, in addition to the existing provision of the fourth revised regulation, for securing contributions to the Convention Fund, sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the Clergy in attending the Convention, in addition to the current expenses of the Convention.

2. On page 61, notice of a petition from the African Church of St. Thomas, to have the eighth revised regulation rescinded, which, after some discussion had thereon, was referred to a committee of five, to report to this Convention, the Chairman of which is the Rev. Henry E. Montgomery.

3. On page 61 there is a resolution, offered by Judge Stroud, the object of which is to obtain a committee of five, for the purpose of considering and reporting to this Convention whatever amendments to the Constitution are necessary, other than that proposed by Mr. J. M. Aertsen, relating merely to the 4th Article. The Chairman of this Committee is the Rev. Dr. Ducachet.

4. On page 64 will be found a resolution, offered by the Rev. Dr. Bowman, requesting the Standing Committee to confer with the Trustees of the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and Children of Deceased Clergymen, and to report to this meeting of Convention whether it be practicable, and if so, expedient, to effect any changes in the fundamental laws of said Corporation, which will make it more available for the purpose for which it was instituted.

5. On page 64 will be found also a resolution, offered by the Rev. Mr. Harris, contemplating certain altera-

tions in the 3d, 5th, 6th and 7th Canons, which the Convention refused to consider at so late a period in its session.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. M. CARMICHAEL, *Chairman.*
GEO. MINTZER,
S. HAZLEHURST.

A Report was then presented and read, as follows, from the Trustees of the Clergy Daughters' Fund.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Clergy Daughters' Fund, in compliance with an Article in their Constitution, and the terms of their Charter, present to the Convention their first Annual Report.

Although legally constituted a little before the meeting of the last Convention, and although the objects of their trust had been already carried into effect by the Bishop of the Diocese, to the extent of the means afforded by the benevolence of several individuals, this Board cannot date its action before the Spring of the past year.

They now, in the first place, present to the Convention a copy of their Constitution and Certificates of Charter, which, with a letter of the Bishop, and his Report of the disposal of funds in his hands previous to the Incorporation, and a short Address to the members of the Church, were printed in a small pamphlet for distribution.

The amount collected for the fund in the	
year ending April 1, 1850, (Easter,) was	\$914 00
Add to this a balance in the Bishop's hands,	40 86
“ “ Contributions since April 1,	135 00
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	\$1089 86

The amounts paid by the Treasurer
have been—

For the education of a young lady at	
Aston Ridge, - - - -	\$50 00
For the education of a young lady at	
West Chester, - - - -	37 50
For Printing, - - - -	16 00
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Leaving in the Treasurer's hands, - -	\$986 36
Of this amount there has been temporarily	
invested at Interest with the Pennsylvania	
Company for Insurances and Annuities,	
&c., by the direction of the Trustees, -	\$450 00
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Leaving with the Treasurer for current	
expenses, - - - -	\$536 36
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As there are six young ladies at present under instruction at the charge of the fund, this last sum will be insufficient to pay the bills now or shortly due for them; and it is hoped that some additional contributions may enable the Board to leave untouched the sum invested, which consists of donations of fifty dollars and upwards, from individuals who have given no promise of repeating their contributions. It is most desirable

that this small sum of \$450 should remain a nucleus for a Permanent Fund, especially as the legacy of Mrs. Stott has not been realized in consequence of legal proceedings, which have delayed the distribution of her estate.

Of the six young ladies now under the care of the Trustees, three are at the Retreat, near Germantown; one at Aston Ridge, Delaware county, one at the Institution at West Chester, and one at school at Meadville, Crawford county. A seventh has been for two or more years maintained at the Retreat, but has been withdrawn in consequence of the removal of the family from the Diocese.

ALONZO POTTER, *President*.

J. FRANCIS FISHER, *Treasurer*.

May 20th, 1850.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet, from the Committee on proposed amendments to the Constitution, submitted the following Report—

The Committee to whom were referred certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, [*See page 61 of the Journal of the year 1849,*] respectfully report that they have agreed to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That, after the words “having ceased,” in the 24th line of the 4th Article, there be added the words “on account of such disability.”

2. *Resolved*, That at the end of the first paragraph of the said 4th Article, there be added the following words as a new section, viz: “To entitle a clergyman to a seat on the ground of such disability, he shall, at

least thirty days before the meeting of each Convention, present to the ecclesiastical authority a certificate from a physician, that he is physically disqualified for the charge of a parish, or for the service of a seminary of learning, or for the duties of a missionary, as aforesaid; or that he has been thus disqualified until within a period of not more than six months previous to the meeting of said Convention."

3. *Resolved*, That the adoption of the proposed amendment to the 3d section of the 4th Article, submitted by Mr. Aertsen, would be, at present, inexpedient.

4. *Resolved*, That the amendment proposed by the Rev. Mr. Goddard, [*See page 61 of Journal of 1849,*] by which the words, "and also a communicant," would be inserted after the word "worshipper," is, at this time, inexpedient.

5. *Resolved*, That in the 12th line of the 4th Article, the word "*nine*" be substituted for the word "*twelve*."

6. *Resolved*, That the addition to the 4th Article of the Constitution, passed in the year 1846, be abolished.

"The Rev. Mr. Stem moved that the Convention proceed to the consideration of the amendment to the fourth Article of the Constitution, approved at the last Annual Convention, which was agreed to, and the question being put by the chair, on approving of the said proposed amendment, the same was unanimously approved by the two orders of Clergy and Laity voting thereon separately, whereupon the change in the Constitution took place accordingly. The said change is as follows—after the word 'station' at the end of the 14th line of the fourth Article of the Constitution, as printed in the year of our Lord, 1844, the following words are inserted—'Provided that such clergyman shall be entitled to his seat in any stated Convention, if he has continued to reside and has been employed as aforesaid, within this State, since the period of the adjournment of the next preceding stated Convention, although 12 full calendar months may not have elapsed in the meantime.'"—*Journal of 1846, p. 40.*

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALONZO POTTER,
Chairman of the Committee.

Phila., May 21st, 1850.

The Trustees of the Christmas Fund presented their Annual Report, which was read, as also the account of the Treasurer of that fund.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Trustees of the Christmas Fund for disabled clergymen, respectfully present their Annual Report—

The balance in the Treasury last year was	\$504	20
The receipts during the year have		
been from Churches - - -	\$952	30
From individuals, - - -	10	00
Interest on investment one year,	47	00
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There has been expended, in appropriations		
to five clergymen and the widow of a		
clergyman, - - - - -		887 50
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Leaving a balance now in the Treasury of	\$626	00
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The Trustees still hold \$1000 of the five per cent. Loan of the City of Philadelphia, part of an investment made some years since, (the principal portion having been already expended,) making their available means at this time about sixteen hundred dollars.

There are now five beneficiaries, four clergymen and the widow of a clergyman : the annual appropriation to them is \$925. Leaving a surplus of less than seven hundred dollars, to meet any demands upon the Fund, which may properly be made by those for whose aid it was formed, and who, from unexpected causes, may require temporary or permanent relief.

In view of the low state of the Fund, the Trustees thought it proper to make an effort to increase it. For that purpose they addressed a communication to all the Parishes in the Diocese, informing them of its condition, and asking that a collection should be made in its behalf at the appointed time, last Christmas.

From a few of the Parishes liberal contributions were received; but the Trustees regret to say that less than one-third of the whole number in the Diocese answered their appeal.

They hope that the object for which the Fund was created, will enlist the sympathy and encouragement of the clergy, and cause it to grow in favour with the Church.

That her members will willingly and liberally contribute their aid, if the opportunity be given to them to do so, to sustain a Fund which, in the Providence of God, may be needed for the relief of their own ministers, we cannot doubt, without distrust of their active sympathy for a cause which earnestly commends itself to their Christian benevolence.

WM. H. NEWBOLD, *Secretary*.

Phila., May 17th, 1850.

The Rev. Dr. Howe, from the Standing Committee, submitted the following Report—

The Standing Committee respectfully Report, that in obedience to a resolution of the last Convention, offered by the Rev. Dr. Bowman, they have appointed a Committee to confer with a like Committee of the Trustees of the Corporation for the Relief of the Widows and

Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, on the matters indicated in the resolution aforesaid, but that no information has yet been reported to the Standing Committee, of a nature sufficiently definite to be reported to the Convention.

M. A. DE WOLFE HOWE, *Secretary*.

May 22d, 1850.

The Rev. Dr. Dorr presented the following Report—

The Committee on Charters, to whom was referred the consideration of the charter of St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, Carbon county, and the Articles of Association of St. Andrew's Church, Clearfield, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, respectfully Report—

That they have examined the same, and find them to be in accordance with the Constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

They therefore recommend the following resolution.

Resolved, That St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill, and St. Andrew's Church, Clearfield, be, and the same are hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

BENJAMIN DORR, *Chairman*.

Phila., May 22d, 1850.

The accompanying Resolution was adopted.

The tellers having counted the votes for members of the Standing Committee, made the following report—

VOTE OF THE CLERGY.

Clerical members.	received.	Lay members.	received.
Rev. Dr. Howe, -	52	Mr. E. C. Biddle, -	46
" " Vaughan, -	47	" G. M. Wharton, -	42
" " Morton, -	44	" Horace Binney, Jr.,	40
" " Clay, -	43	" J. R. Wilmer, -	38
" Mr. Goddard, -	43	" J. S. Newbold, -	38
" Dr. Dorr, -	40	" Henry Reed, -	37
" " Hare, -	39	" Thomas Robins, -	37
" " Ducachet, -	36	" Thomas Allibone, -	35
" " Coleman, -	36	" J. C. Cresson, -	27
" " Stevens, -	27	" T. H. Powers, -	20
" Mr. Van Pelt, -	13	" T. M. Pettit, -	15
" " Suddards, -	12	" Thos. Robinson, -	15
" Scattering, -	11	" J. C. Pechin, -	15
		" L. R. Ashurst, -	14
		" Herman Cope, -	14
		" R. S. Smith, -	5
		" Scattering, -	5

89 votes cast—45 necessary to a choice.

VOTE OF THE LAITY.

Rev. Dr. Howe, -	51	Mr. E. C. Biddle, -	43
" " Vaughan, -	44	" G. M. Wharton, -	37
" " Morton, -	35	" Thomas Robins, -	34
" " Hare, -	34	" Thomas Allibone, -	28
" " Clay, -	34	" H. Binney, Jr., -	27
" Mr. Goddard, -	34	" H. Reed, -	27
" Dr. Dorr, -	29	" J. R. Wilmer, -	27
" " Coleman, -	28	" J. S. Newbold, -	27
" " Stevens, -	26	" J. C. Cresson, -	23
" " Ducachet, -	26	" J. C. Pechin, -	18
" Mr. Van Pelt, -	16	" Thos. Robinson, -	17
" " Suddards, -	15	" Thos. M. Pettit, -	17
" Scattering, -	3	" L. R. Ashurst, -	16
		" Herman Cope, -	16
		" T. H. Powers, -	14
		" R. S. Smith, -	4
		" Scattering, -	3

77 votes cast—39 necessary to a choice.

The Bishop thereupon announced, that the Rev. Drs. Howe and Vaughan, of the Clergy, and Mr. E. C. Bid-
dle, of the Laity, had been duly elected members of the
Standing Committee, for the ensuing year, and that
none of the other persons voted for, had received the
requisite majority of votes cast.

The Convention then, on motion of the Rev. Dr.
Ducachet, adjourned. G. M. WHARTON, *Secretary*.

Thursday, May 23, A. D. 1850, 9 o'clock, A.M.

The Convention met, and was opened by the Bishop
with several Collects. The roll was then called, and
the minutes of yesterday, P. M. read and approved.

The following clergymen, not before present, appeared
and took their seats, viz: Rev. Messrs. Elsegood,
Fowles, Newton, Van Pelt, Vaughan, and Winchester.
And the following lay deputies, not before present,
answered and took their seats, viz: Messrs. Downing,
Donaldson, Eckert, Lechler, Moore, A. Russell, S.
Thomas, and G. G. Thomas.

Mr. J. S. Riley submitted the following :

Whereas, the Church in this Diocese has at no time
had under its immediate control a Missionary Society,
to aid in building up the Church within her borders, or
to supply or aid in supplying weak and vacant congrega-
tions thereof,

Therefore, *Resolved*, That the Bishop and Standing
Committee, be authorized and requested to report a
plan or plans, for the organization of a Diocesan Mis-
sionary Society.

Which, on motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, was laid on the
table.

On motion of Mr. Robins, it was *Resolved*, That until the next stated Convention, the expenses of the Bishop, upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention Fund, provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of \$350.

Also, on motion of the same, it was *Resolved*, That two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated toward the payment of mileage to rectors of churches that have made contributions to the Convention Fund for the current year, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same to such clergymen as make application, pro rata, according to their actual expenses.

On motion, the following gentlemen were elected Trustees of the Christmas Fund, for the ensuing year, viz: W. H. Newbold, Moses Kempton, John Welsh, Jr., and Thomas M. Pettit.

The Convention then proceeded to the order of the day, viz: the election of the remaining members of the Standing Committee,—the same tellers acting as on yesterday.

After counting the votes, the tellers reported as follows :—

VOTE OF THE LAITY.

Clerical members.			received.	Lay members.			received.
Rev. Dr. Hare,	-	-	44	Mr. Thos. Robins,	-	-	44
“ “ Stevens,	-	-	40	“ T. M. Pettit,	-	-	41
“ “ Morton,	-	-	36	“ Thos. Allibone,	-	-	39
“ Mr. Goddard,	-	-	36	“ Thos. H. Powers,	-	-	36
“ Dr. Clay,	-	-	33	“ G. M. Wharton,	-	-	34
“ “ Coleman,	-	-	27	“ H. Binney, Jr.,	-	-	31
“ “ Scattering,	-	-	6	“ Henry Reed,	-	-	28
				“ J. R. Wilmer,	-	-	28
				“ Scattering,	-	-	10

74 votes cast—38 necessary to a choice.

VOTE OF THE CLERGY.

Clerical members.	received.	Lay members.	received.
Rev. Dr. Morton, -	44	Mr. T. Robins, -	45
" " Clay, -	43	" T. Allibone, -	44
" " Hare, -	43	" G. M. Wharton, -	43
" Mr. Goddard, -	43	" T. M. Pettit, -	43
" Dr. Stevens, -	41	" H. Binney, Jr., -	42
" " Coleman, -	38	" J. R. Wilmer, -	41
Scattering, -	13	" T. H. Powers, -	40
		" H. Reed, -	38
		Scattering, -	19

91 votes cast—46 necessary to a choice.

The Bishop thereupon announced, that no person having received a majority of the votes cast, there had been no choice of the remaining members of the Standing Committee.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet then moved, that further balloting for the Standing Committee be dispensed with.

Mr. Wright moved as an amendment, that the House do now proceed to a third ballot, which amendment was carried, and the tellers proceeded to the discharge of their duties accordingly, and reported.

VOTE OF THE LAITY.

Clerical members.	received.	Lay members.	received.
Rev. Dr. Hare, -	46	Mr. T. Robins, -	44
" " Stevens, -	43	" T. M. Pettit, -	44
" Mr. Goddard, -	37	" T. Allibone, -	42
" Dr. Morton, -	34	" T. H. Powers, -	38
" " Clay, -	31	" G. M. Wharton, -	34
" " Coleman, -	22	" H. Binney, Jr., -	28
Scattering, -	4	" J. R. Wilmer, -	27
		" H. Reed, -	26
		Scattering, -	4

72 votes cast—37 necessary to a choice.

VOTE OF THE CLERGY.

Clerical members.	received.	Lay members.	received.
Rev. Dr. Morton, -	- 46	Mr. T. Robins, -	- 49
" " Hare, -	- 44	" T. M. Pettit, -	- 44
" Mr. Goddard, -	- 44	" T. Allibone, -	- 44
" Dr. Clay, -	- 43	" G. M. Wharton, -	- 42
" " Stevens, -	- 42	" T. H. Powers, -	- 41
" " Coleman, -	- 36	" H. Binney, Jr., -	- 40
Scattering, -	- 13	" J. R. Wilmer, -	- 38
		" H. Reed, -	- 30
		Scattering, -	- 28

91 votes cast—46 necessary to a choice.

The Bishop thereupon announced, that Mr. Thomas Robins having received the requisite majority of votes, had been duly elected a member of the Standing Committee.

Mr. Parry then moved, that further balloting for the Standing Committee be indefinitely postponed,—which motion, after discussion, was carried.

The Convention then proceeded to an election for Delegates to the General Convention. Messrs. L. Lewis, J. Cabot, J. M. Aertsen, and L. B. Smith, being appointed tellers for the Laity,—and Rev. Messrs. Perkins, Morris, W. J. Clark, and Leaf, tellers on the part of the Clergy.

While the tellers were counting the votes, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Montgomery, the Report of the Special Committee on the Petition of the African Church, was made the order of the day for 5½ o'clock this afternoon.

The tellers then announced the result of the vote for Delegates to the General Convention, as follows :

VOTE OF THE LAITY.

Clerical members.	received.	Lay members.	received.
Rev. Dr. Stevens, -	43	Mr. J. N. Conyngham, -	42
“ “ Howe, -	42	“ Herman Cope, -	39
“ “ Bowman, -	36	“ R. C. Hale, -	39
“ Mr. Flint, -	36	“ G. M. Stroud, -	37
“ Dr. Bull, -	35	“ J. R. Ingersoll, -	35
“ “ Morton, -	32	“ G. M. Wharton, -	33
“ “ Carmichael, -	26	“ John Sergeant, -	29
“ Mr. Trapier, -	25	“ H. Hepburn, -	26
Scattering, -	14	Scattering, -	8

73 votes cast—37 necessary to a choice.

VOTE OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. Dr. Howe, -	47	Mr. J. N. Conyngham, -	45
“ “ Bowman, -	45	“ Herman Cope, -	45
“ “ Morton, -	42	“ G. M. Wharton, -	45
“ “ Carmichael, -	41	“ G. M. Stroud, -	43
“ “ Stevens, -	41	“ H. Hepburn, -	42
“ “ Bull, -	40	“ J. Sergeant, -	41
“ Mr. Flint, -	36	“ R. C. Hale, -	41
“ “ Trapier, -	35	“ J. R. Ingersoll, -	36
Scattering, -	28	Scattering, -	9

88 votes cast—45 necessary to a choice.

The Bishop thereupon announced that the Rev. Dr. Howe and Messrs. Cope and Conyngham had been duly elected, and that none of the other persons voted for had received the requisite majority. The Convention then proceeded to a second ballot, the same tellers acting; while engaged in their duties, the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, by leave, presented the following:

Resolved, That as the House of Bishops, and that of the Clerical and Lay Deputies, in the Convention of the year 1847, passed a resolution to this effect: “That it be, and hereby is earnestly recommended to the members of the Church in the several Dioceses, to aid

in carrying on the important work in which the Rev. Historiographer has been long engaged, (while serving the Church without any stipend whatever, at a great expense of time and money on his part, to its great credit and advantage,) by giving to him or his agents their subscriptions, as well for the introductory volume, which has already appeared, as for the forthcoming volume or volumes of his history,”—This Convention entreats the members of the Church in this Diocese to comply with this earnest recommendation of our highest Ecclesiastical Council—and that the more especially, as Dr. Jarvis has recently made an appeal to the Church for aid to publish the first volume of his history, which is now ready for the press.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Robins presented the following, and gave notice that he should to-morrow offer it as a substitute for the 4th Revised Regulation, viz :

In compliance with a resolution passed by the Convention last year, the Treasurer of the Convention has prepared the following, to take the place of the fourth revised regulation, and recommends its adoption to the Convention, viz :

“The Treasurer of the Convention shall make up an estimate of the amount of funds which will be required to meet the expenses of the Convention for the current year, including the mileage of the Clerical members usually attending the meetings of Convention, together with the traveling expenses of the Bishop of the Diocese on Episcopal visitations, and present the same to the Standing Committee at its stated meeting in January, whereupon that body shall appoint two of its

members, who, with the Treasurer, shall proceed to assess the several Parishes in the Diocese in such sums as in their judgment may seem proper, and to an amount which, in the aggregate, shall be sufficient to meet fully the estimate of expenses; and said assessment, when approved by the Standing Committee, shall be final; and the Secretary of that body shall forthwith furnish the Rector and Churchwardens of every Parish in the Diocese with a copy of the assessment on their Parish, with instructions to pay the amount to the Treasurer of the Convention on or before the second Tuesday of May following."

Resolved, That the foregoing regulation be adopted, and that it take the place of the fourth "revised regulation," which is hereby rescinded.

The tellers then presented their report, as follows :

VOTE OF THE CLERGY.

Clerical members.	received.	Lay members.	received.
Rev. Dr. Bowman, -	- 47	Mr. G. M. Stroud, -	- 45
" " Stevens, -	- 45	" R. C. Hale, -	- 43
" " Morton, -	- 43	" G. M. Wharton, -	- 42
" " Bull, -	- 41	" J. Sergeant, -	- 20
" Mr. Flint, -	- 36	" J. R. Ingersoll, -	- 14
" Dr. Carmichael, -	- 35	Scattering, -	- 13
Scattering, -	- 21		

89 votes cast—45 necessary to a choice.

VOTE OF THE LAITY.

Rev. Dr. Stevens, -	- 43	Mr. R. C. Hale, -	- 39
" Mr. Flint, -	- 34	" G. M. Stroud, -	- 36
" Dr. Bowman, -	- 33	" G. M. Wharton, -	- 26
" " Bull, -	- 33	" J. R. Ingersoll, -	- 15
" " Morton, -	- 30	" J. Sergeant, -	- 14
" " Carmichael, -	- 21	Scattering, -	- 4
Scattering, -	- 5		

68 votes cast—35 necessary to a choice.

The Bishop thereupon announced, that the Rev. Dr. Stevens, of the Clergy, and Mr. G. M. Stroud, of the Laity, having received the requisite majority of votes, were duly elected Delegates to the General Convention.

The Convention then, on motion, adjourned.

G. M. WHARTON, *Secretary*.

Thursday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met, the calling of the roll was dispensed with, and the minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The Convention then proceeded to an election for the remaining Delegates to the General Convention, the same tellers acting as in the morning.

While the tellers were engaged in counting the votes, the House proceeded with the special order of the day, fixed for this afternoon, and Mr. G. M. Wharton, from the Special Committee, on the subject of the African Church, presented the following Report—

The Special Committee, to whom, at the last Convention, was referred the Petition of the African Church of St. Thomas, to have the Eighth Revised Regulation of this Convention rescinded, beg leave to Report—

The Eighth Revised Regulation was adopted in June, 1795, and declares, that the African Church of St. Thomas is not entitled to send a Clergyman or Deputies to the Convention, or to interfere with the general government of the Church—this condition having been made, as is recited, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of such Church at that period—and in 1843 it was further declared by the Convention, that no Church in this Diocese, in like peculiar circumstances with the African Church of St. Thomas, shall be entitled to send a Clergyman or Deputies to the Convention, or to interfere with the general government of the Church.

It appears that about two years before A. D. 1795, the Church of St. Thomas was organized by certain residents of the City of Philadelphia, who were Africans, or descendants of Africans, and were either members or attached to the doctrines and discipline of the Church; and who, moreover, desired to worship God in accordance with her forms and ceremonies, and to submit themselves, as a congregation, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese. They seem to have been recognized by the Standing Committee and Council of Advice, and, perhaps, by the Convention, as a regular congregation: and had it not been for "peculiar circumstances," would doubtless have been placed on the same footing with the other congregations of our Church. The members of St. Thomas' were desirous of having one of their own color to minister among them, and made application to the Bishop and Standing Committee for their approval of the selection of Absalom Jones, a black man, as their Clergyman, and solicited his ordination—at the same time, requesting a dispensation in his case, from certain literary qualifications enjoined by Canon as prerequisites. The matter was brought before the Convention of the Diocese, and that body agreed to the dispensation which had been requested, and to the recommendation of Mr. Jones for Holy Orders: but, together with a resolution to that effect, passed as a proviso, what is now denominated the Eighth Revised Regulation. The Vestry of St. Thomas' Church, by a formal act, assented to the restriction—and some other stipulations prescribed by the Bishop and Standing Committee being acceded to, Absalom Jones was ordained, and became the settled minister of that Church.

It may be remarked, that this arrangement was evidently a compact entered into, with the view, on the part of the African congregation, of securing the ordination of one of their own people; and might fairly be pressed, by those who are disposed to rest their exclusion on technical grounds, as a strong argument for holding the applicants strictly to the terms of the original contract.

The "peculiar circumstances" referred to in the Proviso, are not stated anywhere on the face of the Journal of the Convention. They may be gathered, however, from the records of the Standing Committee, and of the Church in question, and were probably the following:—the color and other physical properties of the parties, their political and social condition—their defects of education and cultivation—and their consequent unfitness, from all these causes, for the situation of legislators and rulers in the Church planted in Pennsylvania. This unfitness seems to have been conceded all round; and it does not appear, that in recognizing and acting upon it, it occurred to our first Diocesan, or to any of the Clergy or Laity who acted with him in the exclusion of the members of St. Thomas' congregation, from a participation in the general government of the Church,

that they were violating any principle of that divinely constituted body which they were so earnestly labouring to extend.

It may be, that another circumstance, thought to be "peculiar" in this particular congregation, was the fact, that its Constitution excluded all persons but Africans, and the descendants of Africans, from membership or from holding office therein. There was an exception made, with respect to the rector or minister. This exclusive feature in their organization as a parish, no doubt constitutes a distinction between it and any other in the Diocese, known to the undersigned—and would furnish a plausible argument for refusing to its delegates a seat in this legislative body, all of whose other members represent parishes whose Charters or Articles of Association do not profess to confine membership to any particular tribe of mankind. The Committee, however, are not disposed to place their conclusions upon any narrow basis—particularly one which would not be applicable to other colored congregations adopting a form of Charter similar to that usually selected by our parishes.

The main ground on which the repeal of the Regulation is placed by the advocates of that measure, seems to be, that its continuance is a violation of Christian kindness and courtesy—that it deprives the colored race of a portion of their spiritual privileges, and is an infringement of their inherent right as Christians to participate in the government of the Church. The Committee, on the other hand, regard the Regulation as but the exercise of a clear power of so framing the lay representation of the Church as most to conduce to its general good—as having no concern with the spiritual privileges of the members of Christ's Church—and as founded upon a recognition of the manifest truth, that participation in the legislative power of the Church is but a qualified, and not an absolute right.

In matters of government, where the good of numbers is concerned, and where not individuals, but the public, are chiefly regarded, there can be no violation of courtesy or kindness in withholding what may be thought of particular advantage to some persons, if its concession may prove generally detrimental. The representatives of a community have, in such a case, no right to yield to personal considerations what a stern regard for the common welfare may demand to be retained—and are not invested with that wide discretion in the exercise of their charities or feelings, which may safely be conceded to individuals. If the circumstances of our condition, social and political, are such as to render the change desired by the petitioners a disastrous, or even a dangerous one, every wise and reflecting man will pause, before he permits himself, as a legislator, to be swayed by mere appeals to his sympathies, while his reason and his judgment remain unconvinced.

It is freely admitted, that no considerations of mere expediency can

legitimately be weighed in the discussion of a question of right, or can be used as an argument for the violation of the least even of the high and awful privileges which appertain to all the members of the Christian flock. The great point, however, in this matter, which the advocates of the petition are bound to maintain, and which they have entirely failed to demonstrate, is, that the right to a seat in this Convention, as the representative body of the Church in Pennsylvania, and as the Convocation of her Clergy, is any one of the spiritual privileges, which, by baptism or ordination, as the case may be, have been conferred upon her members. Those spiritual privileges which flow from being children of God, members of Christ, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven, are, fortunately, neither conferred nor increased by membership in this body—nor can they be impaired or hindered by absence or exclusion from it. They do not depend upon the arrangements or the votes of men—they are of divine appointment and regulation—existed long before representative Conventions, such as the present, originated—are the individual immunities and comforts of the faithful, without distinction of color, sex, age or nation; and are to be found as untrammelled and unimpaired among the worthy members of the African Church of St. Thomas', as among those of any of the Parishes in union with us. The sanctified water of baptism; the laying on of the Bishop's hands in the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation; and the Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of their crucified Lord; are the Charters of their spiritual privileges, to which the darkest of the children of Africa among us, may point with as high a confidence, and as bright a hope, as any of their white brethren.

The Committee suppose it to be held by all Churchmen, that the constitution of the Christian Church is not of human invention, but of divine origin; and is founded upon the plenary grant of power by the Saviour to his chosen Disciples. They believe that in discharging their high commission, those holy men were guided in their work by the inspiration of the Spirit of God. The Apostles seem to have laid down no fixed form as the only model of a Council of the Church, for want of an exact conformity to which, the proceedings of any attempted Synod are to be considered void. The distinct features of Apostles, Elders and Brethren are clearly developed—and as clearly, the higher prerogative of the Apostles and Elders over the others, in the administration of the affairs of the Church. Doubtless, the inherent power of legislation under the Apostolic Commission, is vested in the chief pastors of the Flock alone; and the joint action of the inferior Clergy, and of the Laity, is invoked and invited by their Bishops, on the ground of mere expediency, and is to be treated as a concession on the part of the latter. This is a ground, however, amply sufficient and certain for all of us, inasmuch as direct Apostolic precedent is furnished for its support.

It appears in the record of the first Council, that St. Paul and Barnabas, and certain others, went up from Antioch to Jerusalem, unto "the Apostles and Elders," about a disputed question, touching the salvation of Gentile converts. It was "the Apostles and Elders who came together to consider of this matter," and the sacred record implies, that "the much disputing" was confined to them; while it distinctly states, that the authoritative judgment was pronounced by one of the Apostolic College. The whole body of the Church, then present in Jerusalem, seem undoubtedly to have been consulted, and to have signified their satisfaction with the sentence promulgated by St. James. And yet it is as undoubted a fact, that the brethren of Antioch, who were directly interested in the question to be decided, were not personally present in the Council at Jerusalem, nor do they seem to have been represented there by delegates forming a constituent portion of that Assembly. The Committee do not perceive in the Scriptural account of this celebrated Synod, any model pattern of a representative assembly of the Church.

Turning to times but a little later, we perceive that a somewhat different Constitution of Church Councils is presented, the right to a seat being apparently confined to the highest order of the Clergy, and the participation of the Laity altogether dispensed with. The long practice of the Christian Church, in perhaps every branch of it, may fairly be considered as demonstrating, that the introduction of laymen into Church government is, by no means, the consequence of any absolute right; and even the practice of our own branch of the Church, which has, beyond all others, the most clearly affirmed the privilege of the Laity to become a component part of her legislative authority, as conclusively proves this right to be the subject of condition and regulation. Witness our positive Canon Law, which has limited the number of lay deputies, and prescribed their qualifications as worshippers in the parish which they may represent—and indeed, treats the whole subject as one altogether within the discretionary control of the Church herself.

So too, with regard to the body of the Clergy. Their participation in Church government seems to have been equally under regulation with that of their Lay brethren. In those early Councils which our Church has always regarded as oecumenical, and whose acts she has consequently recognized as authoritative, the Bishops alone took their seats. The Canon of the Great Council of Nice, as well as the Apostolic Canon which provides for the assembling of Councils and Synods, as a means of preserving unity and peace, required *the Bishops* of the Province to meet together and settle the ecclesiastical controversies which might have occurred. If we turn to our Mother Church of England, which may, by some, be considered the nearest and safest guide for ourselves—(to say nothing of the absolute

exclusion of the Laity from her Church Councils proper,) we find that her Convocations consisted but in part of those who sat by virtue of their order ; while the others attended as chosen representatives of the body of the Priesthood. And it is perfectly familiar to all of us, that a large portion of our own Clergy, inferior to none of their brethren in learning and experience, full Presbyters, and above all personal exception, are excluded from a voice and a seat here, under the exercise of a power, which, unless it be lawful, is uncatholic, grossly despotic and unjust.

If the considerations which the Committee have presented, be well founded, the admission or rejection of the Clergymen and deputies from the African Church—and the throwing open of the doors of this Convention to others similarly circumstanced, becomes a question of mere expediency, to be decided according to each one's views of the edifying or hurtful consequences of the act. Our legislation should be for the good of the Church, and to secure, so far as our judgments can do so, her prosperity and advancement. And let us ask, can there be a doubt, with dispassionate persons, as to the incompetency of the parties in question, for the post of advisers and legislators in the concerns of this portion of the American Church? Are they qualified for it, either by education, cultivation, or social position? Would their decisions and acts carry with them aught of the moral influence which is so desirable an attendant upon the decrees of authority? Are members of this House fully and sincerely prepared to receive the proposed new members in such way as to exhibit in nothing, a distinction between them and others on the floor; and are they not fearful of betraying in even the slightest degree, a feeling indicative of the absence of that entire equality and confraternity, which should mark the intercourse of the members of such an assemblage as this? Is there no reason to apprehend that heart-burning or jealousy will spring up from imagined, perhaps actual slights, induced by the unconquerable aversion, in many, to the admixture of races physically so diverse and separate, as the black and the white? Gentlemen must answer these questions, and many more such, satisfactorily, before they can grant the prayer of the Petition.

It is believed that the agitation of this proposal would not have arisen from the spontaneous action of the parties themselves, and that there is no general, natural feeling among them, of supposed wrong or oppression. For more than half a century, the Church in Pennsylvania has been at rest on this point—quietly pursuing her way, undisturbed by the contests which have had their rise in the unfortunate infusion into our population, of the children of Africa. Providence, ages ago, had planted them in another quarter of the Globe; in one perhaps specially designed for their inhabitation. It is not known to the Committee, that the voluntary migration of these tribes from their original seats has ever darkened the shores of other

lands—but the hands of cruel and mercenary men tore them unwillingly from their homes, and more genial clime, and rudely transferred them to a distant Continent, there to grow and to multiply as the mere bondmen and serfs of another race. Their position with us may well be considered as an *error loci*—and the retributive justice of the Almighty, for the ineep-tive wrong of their original subjection, seems to have travelled with them as a moral plague, and to have rendered their presenee the constant source of disturbance and evil. Far be it from the Committee to undervalue the sufferings of this portion of their fellow-men, to extenuate the wrongs done to them, or to add a feather's weight to the depression resting upon them. On the contrary, they are earnest to recognize, in the fullest extent, the obligation upon the whites to exert, in behalf of their colored brethren, the broadest extent of protection and comfort—to regard them as in a state of tutelage, and as especially committed by a common Father, to their kindness and consideration, and particularly do they feel the duty of being actuated in all their dealings with them, by the most large-hearted charity. But they consider it a most signal error, to break down every barrier which instinctive nature has reared in the path of free intercourse; and they are of opinion, that the misjudged, though well meant effort to place them on this floor, will conduce to their eventual injury.

The Committee deprecate now, and in the future, the agitation of this question. We all know how sensitive the public mind is, throughout every part of our wide country, with respect to the colored race; and we see no prospect of this sensitiveness being eradicated. The main topic has fearfully convulsed the political union of our Republic, and has broken the bonds which had previously connected some denominations of Christians. Our branch of the Church has thus far been protected from any considerable excitement upon this head—yet it requires but a moderate share of sagacity to perceive, how the pushing of the proposed change to its legitimate results may endanger the permanence of our ecclesiastical organization as an American Church of United Dioceses. Fortunately the Divine Constitution of the Body of Christ preserves the essential unity of that holy fellowship, in spite of every merely social convulsion. And yet no true friend of the Church, but would regret the rude sundering of those ties of outward communion, which conduce so materially to the influence and the dignity of the spiritual body itself. Serious indeed seems the responsibility of commencing a series of measures which may tend to such disastrous consequences; and the Committee, therefore, would gladly see this whole matter laid permanently and quietly at rest, by a decided and expressive vote of the Convention, where fifty years of universal acquiescence has placed it. Gladly would they see the wise arrangement, sanctioned by the prudent apprehension of Bishop White and his coadjutors in

the work of framing our ecclesiastical Constitution, continue unbroken and undisturbed ; and they accordingly submit the following Resolution as expressive of their views.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to repeal the Eighth Revised Regulation, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. M. WHARTON,
CHAS. BRECK,
TOBIAS WAGNER,
Committee.

Phila., May 21, A. D. 1850.

The Rev. Mr. Montgomery, then, by leave, presented a Report from the minority of the said Committee, as follows :

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee appointed at the last Convention of the Diocese, to consider the petition of the Church of St. Thomas in this city, for the repeal of the Eighth Revised Regulation, Report, that in their opinion, the manner and matter of the petition entitle it to serious and respectful consideration.

It appears from the records of St. Thomas' Church, (though the minutes of the Standing Committee do not show it, which however about the time referred to bear evidence of being very imperfect,) that at a meeting of the Standing Committee and Council of Advice, of this Diocese, held Sept. 9th, 1794, " the Rt. Rev. Bishop White laid before the Council, the Constitution of the African Church of St. Thomas, a congregation of the people of color, who having lately erected a building for the public worship of God, do now, in consequence of free and mature deliberation, propose and request to be associated with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and, in partieuilar, to commit all their ecclesiastical affairs to the rule and authority of the Bishop and Church in this State."

The Bishop and Council, being pleased with the above application, and willing to accept the terms " therein," it was *Resolved*, and declared therefore, that, as soon as the Trustees or Deputies of the said congregation, being duly authorized, shall sign the Act of Association of the Church in this State, they shall be entitled to all the privileges of the other congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church ; agreed, that Dr. Samuel Magaw and Dr. Robert Blackwell, be a Committee to meet the Trustees or Deputies of the African Church, and see them ratify the Act of Association.

(Signed,)

SAMUEL MAGAW,
A Member of the Council.

It appears also, from the records referred to, that, at a meeting of the Standing Committee, held Oct. 23d, 1794, an address or letter to the Bishop and Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, from the Trustees and other Representatives of the congregation of the African Church, *now* called St. Thomas' Church, of Philadelphia, was laid before the Council, communicated through the hands of the Bishop, representing, among other things, that it would be expedient to have among themselves a pious and duly qualified man of color, to discharge the functions of a minister, and recommending for the said purpose as a candidate, Absalom Jones, a man of good report and godly conversation.

Whereupon, the Council being heartily disposed to favour the address and application as above, and entirely satisfied, as far as doth to them appear, of the moral and religious character of the person recommended, do agree in opinion and respectfully advise, that the most regular mode of proceeding, is for the Bishop to give his sanction and approbation to Absalom Jones, to officiate as a reader of Divine service, &c., in the said Church, and a candidate for Deacon's Orders, till the meeting of the Convention of the Church in this State, the 7th Canon ratified in General Convention, requiring with regard to the learning of those who are to be ordained, "That the requisition of an acquaintance with Latin and Greek, is only to be dispensed with by two-thirds of the Convention of the State to which the candidate belongs, and for good causes moving thereto."

Now, in the former part of this "address and application" laid before the Standing Committee, and received by them with favour, occur the following statements—"On Tuesday, August 12th, 1794, at a special meeting held for the purpose, the Constitution of our Church was unanimously ratified upon the principles of the Protestant Episcopal Church of North America, and on application to the Bishop and Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, we were graciously received into the bosom of the Church, and on Sunday, September 14th, 1794, the Bishop in public did receive us under his pastoral charge, and on Sunday, October 12th, 1794, our being received into the fellowship and communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, was most cordially and fully announced from the pulpit by the Rev. Robt. Blackwell."

It appears, therefore, most clearly, from these records, that, at this time, September, 1794, St. Thomas' Church was entitled to all the privileges of the other Protestant Episcopal congregations in the Diocese, among which was the right of sending Deputies to the State Convention. The Act of Association "done in Christ Church" in this city, the "24th day of May, 1785," expressly providing that the Clergy and congregations duly ratifying the said act, "shall be called and known by the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania, and that each

congregation may send to the Convention a Deputy or Deputies, and that all such clergymen as shall hereafter be settled as the ministers of the congregations ratifying this act, shall have the same privileges, and be subject to the same regulations as the clergy now subscribing the same."

Thus stood the matter in September, 1794, when, as the undersigned believe, St. Thomas' Church was in full fellowship with the Church, and entitled to all the privileges of the other congregations of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese.

In the Convention of the succeeding year (June 2d, 1795,) "It was moved and seconded, that in the examination for Holy Orders of Absalom Jones, a black man, belonging to the African Church of St. Thomas, in this city, the knowledge of the Latin and Greek languages be dispensed with, agreeably to the Canon.

Resolved, That the same be granted, provided it is not to be understood to entitle the African Church to send a clergyman or Deputies to the Convention, or to interfere with the general government of the Episcopal Church, this condition being made, in consideration of their peculiar circumstances at present."

On Wednesday, August 12th, 1795, at a meeting of the Trustees of St. Thomas' Church, the Rt. Rev. Bishop and several of the clergy of the Diocese being present, the Bishop presented the above extract from the Journal of the Convention, which was "read and explained, and the members present uniting with the restrictions therein specified, it was agreed to."

The undersigned, therefore, while granting that the Trustees of St. Thomas' Church did agree to the restrictions referred to, cannot see why such assent should prevent the present authorities of that Church from seeking the removal of a provision which the congregation have found by experience to be burdensome and injurious to their interests. The said restriction was imposed and agreed to, let it be remembered, not according to the records cited, at the time of receiving the Church of St. Thomas into fellowship with the Church in the Diocese, but nearly a year [afterwards, when the question of the dispensation of certain literary qualifications in the person selected for their minister came before the Convention, "this condition being made in consideration of their peculiar circumstances at present."

The restriction and the agreement to it are therefore, in the opinion of the undersigned, not to be viewed in the light of an original compact contemporaneous with the existence of the Church of St. Thomas as a part of the Church of the Diocese. The agreement they yielded to the restriction in their peculiar exigency, by no means interferes with the right of the congregation to petition now for a repeal of the prohibition which their present "peculiar circumstances" may render highly oppressive, and detrimental to their prosperity.

But what were the "peculiar circumstances" to which the restriction passed in 1795 refers? The words "at present" ought, in charity, to be strictly limited. The Reverend Absalom Jones, the first minister of St. Thomas' Church, though very deficient in literary qualifications for the ministry, was a "man of good report and godly conversation." He was held in great reverence and esteem by the colored people of our city. Zealous for the prosperity of the Church, and unwearied in doing good, he was especially beloved in consequence of his devotion to the sick and dying at the time of the prevalence of that awful scourge, the yellow fever. Administering to the bodily as well as spiritual wants of many poor sufferers, and soothing the last moments of many departing souls among his people, he became greatly endeared to the colored race.

Hence, when they formed a congregation, in order that they might worship God according to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of their choice, they fixed their hearts upon having their kind friend and helper for their minister. He who had already won his way to their hearts by labours and sacrifices of Christian love that no one can hear of without emotion, must be the shepherd of their souls in Christ Jesus. So that they could succeed in this their darling wish, they were content to submit to inconvenience and to loss; for him their friend and brother, bound so closely to their hearts by the sympathy of past afflictions, they were ready to be placed for the time being, in a position of inferiority.

They were fully sensible that he did not possess the literary qualifications requisite for the ministry, but they knew and loved his self-sacrificing spirit, and consistently religious life. When, therefore, the great difficulty in the way of his ordination was removed, by the dispensing vote of the Convention, the condition on which, in this case, the dispensation depended, was agreed to, the congregation of St. Thomas had succeeded in their great desire. In their feebleness, they surrendered to the far stronger power, the right which the Church had already given them, in order that their little flock might be watched and ministered to by a shepherd whom they loved.

The undersigned earnestly submit, whether, after the expiration of so many years, advantage should be taken of the concession which the petitioners yielded in their then peculiar exigency? More than half a century has passed away since the adoption of the restriction, which, they now respectfully ask, may be removed. Their present Pastor has, it is believed, far superior literary qualifications to the Rev. Absalom Jones, having passed a very creditable examination, either for the Diaconate or Priesthood, before the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk of this city.

The very wording of the restriction referred to, viewed in connection with the facts above stated, shows that both parties, the Convention on the

one hand, and the Trustees of St. Thomas' Church on the other, thought of it only as a temporary proviso, and that it would be rescinded when the "peculiar circumstances" spoken of should cease.

It is believed by the undersigned, that the "peculiar circumstances" of the Church of the petitioners at that time, have in a great measure changed—that the special peculiarity aimed at in the restriction has ceased, from the fact above stated, with regard to the present minister of the Parish; and also from the consideration that their congregation are suffering a reproach now, which they did not experience at the time the restriction was agreed to, being contrasted unfavorably with a colored Presbyterian congregation, whose minister had a seat in his Presbytery. The undersigned submit, that, even on these accounts, the restriction should be immediately rescinded.

But some may contend that St. Thomas' Church is not, and never has been, in union with the Convention of the Diocese. The undersigned cannot permit themselves to doubt that it has been duly received, and that, too, at a very early day, into the communion and fellowship of the Church, as the records of the Parish and the facts of the case furnish strong evidence of it. But grant, for the sake of argument, that it has not been admitted as a part of the Church of the Diocese. The supposition is favored, it must be confessed, by the fact that the Journals, for several successive years before 1832, after a list of the congregations in the State, append these words: "There is, also, in Philadelphia, St. Thomas' African Church, not in union with this Convention." Granting, we say, that this is the fact, though the undersigned think it far otherwise, then it may well be asked, where is the necessity of a restriction so calculated to wound the feelings of those concerned?

According to this supposition, the danger of St. Thomas' Church sharing in the legislation of the Church, is effectually guarded against already. They do not yet possess, by right of communion and fellowship with the Church, the privilege which it is the object of the Eighth Revised Regulation to take away. If not in union with us, they cannot send their representatives among us, until, by an express vote of the Convention, we admit them to such union. In this view, *i. e.* the restriction is entirely useless, a gratuitous insult to the persons who are the subjects of it. Even the strongest opponents to the admission of the representatives of St. Thomas' Church, may, if the said Church be not in union with us, vote for the repeal of the Regulation as superfluous and objectionable.

The undersigned submit, that the Eighth Revised Regulation should be rescinded on principle. No test of admission should be adopted here which is at variance with the precepts of our Redeemer, and with the practice of the Church in the Apostolic times—and the undersigned would ask whether the said Regulation be not inconsistent with both?

If it be urged that darkness of the skin is just cause for exclusion, let us look well at such passages as these from the blessed Gospel: "One is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren;" "God hath made of one blood all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth." And by His own blood, shed once for all men, hath Christ "redeemed us to God out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." There is no color marked out by our Divine Master and Head for exclusion from even the smallest privilege or honor of the Christian Church. On the contrary, it is part of the glory of the Church, "that God is no respecter of persons," but that all are equally the objects of His parental care and His redeeming love.

At the first Council of the Church, after our Lord's ascension, "the Apostles, Elders and brethren were assembled with one accord." It will not be contended that any exception was then and there taken to the hue of the complexion. But it is alleged, that the exclusion of the Church of St. Thomas, and all others "in like peculiar circumstances," is a mere matter of expediency, and is not at all connected with the spiritual privileges of our excluded brethren: that the regulation as to who shall or shall not sit in council with us, is a subject pertaining *only* to the legislative character of the Church.

Without considering the great inconsistency of the legislative affairs being governed by any rules that seem at variance with the precepts and spirit of Christianity, we think that the above allegation will lose even its plausibility, when it is considered that the exclusion of this Church from our councils does interfere indirectly with spiritual privileges of the petitioners. The Parish in question is cut off from what is certainly to be considered a privilege and an honor, the conferring with a band of brothers about the welfare of the Church, and aiding in the promotion of such plans and regulations as may seem best adapted to advance the cause of our beloved Redeemer.

The singularity of its long exclusion, and the stamp of inferiority which is thereby put upon it, are well calculated, as the congregation respectfully set forth in their petition, "to furnish ground of no little discontent within, and of constant deriding from without." Hence, they are hindered from greater progress as a congregation, and a subject of vexation and reproach is constantly kept before them.

It may well be asked, if it be consistent with the declaration of the great Apostle to the Gentiles, "if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend," thus to wound the feelings and to interfere with the peace and prosperity of a company of our brethren. They cannot be expected long to reconcile the inconsistency of their Pastor being fit to preach the Word of God and to

administer His Holy Sacraments, and yet incapable of having any part in the councils of the Church. Can we reasonably look for their advancement and improvement in knowledge and virtue, while we continue to give ground for attacks upon their position, and thus help to lessen their self-respect.

It seems, also, to the undersigned, well worthy of consideration, whether the repeal of the Eighth Revised Regulation would not tend to produce peace in our own Convention?

It is believed that many of the members of this body are conscientiously opposed to it. It is an offence to them, and they would rejoice to see it rescinded. While it remains on the statute book, it will tend to provoke agitation and dispute, not only on account of its exclusive nature, but also from its remarkable singularity. In no other part of the Church, it is believed, is a similar prohibition maintained with such invidious prominence.

In conclusion, the undersigned seek, by God's grace, to free our Church in this Diocese from what, they have reason to believe, affords ground with many without for the charge against us of inconsistency. They solemnly disclaim any purpose, or even wish, to involve this question with subjects of an exciting nature, that have no legitimate connection. They desire to have the subject discussed; and entreat that it may be so discussed, on its own merits alone, without being embarrassed and perplexed with topics that properly have nothing at all to do with it, and with which the undersigned have not the slightest intention to interfere.

They present the following resolution: "That the Eighth Revised Regulation be, and is hereby rescinded."

All which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY E. MONTGOMERY.

Philadelphia, May 21, 1850.

The subscriber agrees cordially with the main principles of the above report.

G. EMLEN HARE.

Philadelphia May, 22, 1850.

After the reading of the above Reports, the tellers having counted the votes, presented their report as follows :

VOTE OF THE LAITY.

Clerical members.	received.	Lay members.	received.
Rev. Dr. Bowman, -	55	Mr. J. R. Ingersoll, -	33
" " Bull, -	39	" G. M. Wharton, -	23
" " Morton, -	19	" R. C. Hale, -	11
" Mr. Flint, -	12	Scattering, -	1
" Dr. Carmichael, -	7		
Scattering, -	3		

68 votes cast—35 necessary to a choice.

VOTE OF THE CLERGY.

Rev. Dr. Bowman, -	70	Mr. J. R. Ingersoll, -	37
" " Bull, -	47	" G. M. Wharton, -	32
" " Morton, -	24	" R. C. Hale, -	15
" Mr. Flint, -	17	Scattering, -	4
" Dr. Carmichael, -	13		
Scattering, -	6		

88 votes cast—45 necessary to a choice.

The Bishop thereupon announced that the Rev. Drs. Bowman and Bull had been duly elected Delegates to the General Convention, and that there was no choice of the remaining member.

The Convention then proceeded to another ballot, the same tellers acting, who reported.

VOTE OF THE LAITY.

Lay members.	received.	Lay members.	received.
G. M. Wharton, -	32	J. R. Ingersoll, -	12
R. C. Hale, -	24		

68 votes cast—35 necessary to a choice.

VOTE OF THE CLERGY.

Lay members.	received.	Lay members.	received.
G. M. Wharton,	- - 34	J. R. Ingersoll,	- - 18
R. C. Hale,	- - 33		

85 votes cast—43 necessary to a choice.

The Bishop announced that there was no election.

The Convention then proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution submitted by the majority of the Special Committee, on the subject of the Eighth Revised Regulation. The vote was called for by ayes and noes, and by orders, and stood as follows :

CLERGY.

AYES.

Rev. Henry H. Bean,	Rev. Kingston Goddard,
“ F. W. Beasley,	“ N. S. Harris,
“ Archibald Beatty,	“ George P. Hopkins,
“ Wm. H. Bourns,	“ M.A.DeWolfe Howe, D.D.
“ Samuel Bowman, D.D.,	“ Norris M. Jones,
“ George Boyd, D.D.,	“ Milton C. Lightner,
“ Edward Y. Buchanan,	“ John Long,
“ W. M. Carmichael, D.D.,	“ B. W. Morris,
“ J. C. Clay, D.D.,	“ H. J. Morton, D.D.,
“ John Coleman, D.D.,	“ Wm. H. Norris,
“ Wm. C. Cooley,	“ Fred. Ogilby,
“ Wm. N. Diehl,	“ John Rodney,
“ B. Door, D.D.,	“ Joshua M. Rogers,
“ H. W. Ducachet, D.D.,	“ Peter Russell,
“ George A. Durborow,	“ Joseph H. Smith,
“ Rees C. Evans,	“ Richard Smith,
“ Wm. Flint, M.D.,	“ Henry S. Spackman,
“ James H. Fowles,	“ Wm. B. Stevens, D.D.,

Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot,	Rev. T. W. Winchester,
“ Richard S. Trapier,	“ James A. Woodward,
“ Henry Tullidge,	“ Christopher B. Wyatt,
“ H. Hastings Weld,	“ Thomas C. Yarnall. 44.

NOES.

Rev. Thomas G. Allen,	Rev. George D. Miles,
“ Levi Bull, D.D.,	“ Danl. L. Miller,
“ John A. Childs,	“ George Mintzer,
“ Saml. A. Clark,	“ Henry E. Montgomery,
“ Wm. J. Clark,	“ G. W. Natt,
“ J. B. Clemson,	“ Richard Newton,
“ J. Howland Coit,	“ Wm. H. Odenheimer,
“ Thomas Crumpton,	“ Wm. S. Perkins,
“ Robert Davis,	“ Charles W. Quick,
“ B. J. Douglass,	“ Rudderow (Joel,)
“ J. M. Douglass,	“ Owen E. Shannon,
“ G. C. Drake,	“ George Sheets,
“ George C. Field,	“ J. B. Smith,
“ G. Emlen Hare, D.D.,	“ Nathan Stem,
“ Saml. Hazlehurst,	“ William Suddards,
“ Wm. J. Hilton,	“ C. West Thompson,
“ Marmaduke Hirst,	“ Peter Van Pelt,
“ George Kirk,	“ John A. Vaughan, D.D.,
“ Edmund Leaf,	“ Christian Wiltberger,
“ A. Augustus Marple,	“ Enos Woodward,
“ Edward Mendenhall,	Bishop Potter. 42.

Lay Representations—

CHURCHES.	AYES.	NAYS.	VOTE.	
			AYE.	NAY.
Trinity, Pittsburg,	Geo. R. White,		“	“
St. Andrew's, Pittsburg,	J. Pringle Jones,	H. L. Bollman,		
Christ, Reading,	Joseph L. Stitcher,		“	“
St. Thomas', Morgantown,		Levi B. Smith,		“
Grace, Hulmeville,		Edmund G. Harrison,	“	“
Trinity, Centreville,	Wm. Stavelly,		“	
St. Mark's, Mauch Chunk,	Wm. H. Sayre,		“	
St. John's, New London,		Benj. M'Donald,		“
St. Mary's, Warwick,		Thos. K. Bull,	“	“
St. John's, Pequea,	Amos S. Henderson,		“	
St. Paul's, W. Whiteland,	Azariah Thomas,		“	

CHURCHES.	AYES.	NAYS.	VOTE. AYE. NAY.
Holy Trinity, W. Chester,	Lewis Brinton, M. B. Broomhall,		"
St. James', Downingtown,	Wm. W. Downing,		"
St. James', West Marlboro',		Thos. M. Charlton,	"
Christ, Danville,	Peter Baldy,		"
Christ, Meadville,	Gaylord Church,		"
St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,	Hamilton Alrichs, Wm. P. Beatty,		"
St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,	Benj. F. Johnson, John Gray,		"
Calvary, Rockdale,	R. S. Smith, John Crozer,		"
St. James', Lancaster,	A. L. Hayes, J. L. Atlee,		"
Christ, Leacock,	Henry Lechler, P. E. Lightner,		"
Bangor, Caernarvon,		Edw. Davies,	"
All Saints', Paradisc,	J. B. Baker, David Conyngham,		"
St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre,	H. B. Wright,		"
St. James', Muncy,	Thomas Wood, M.D.,	George L. J. Painter,	divided.
St. Thomas, Whitemarsh,	H. M. Sheaff,		"
St. John's, Noristown,	Adam Slemmer,		"
Christ, Pottstown,	C. Brooke,		"
St. Matthew's, Sunbury,	Wm. P. Johnston,		"
Christ, Philadelphia,	Francis West, J. C. Booth,		"
St. Peter's, Philadelphia,	H. M. Watts, J. S. Smith,		"
St. James', Philadelphia,	Lawrence Lewis, Joseph Cabot,		"
	Ellis Yarnall,		"
St. Paul's, Philadelphia,	G. M. Wharton, J. D. George,		"
	Wm. Alexander, S. N. Davies,		"
St. Stephen's, Philadelphia,	C. N. Bancker, Wm. Kirkham,		"
St. Andrew's, Philadelphia,	Tobias Wagner, Cornelius Stevenson,		"
	Thos. Robins, Jno. C. Pechin,		"
Grace, Philadelphia,	Herman Cope, J. W. Claghorn,		"
Ascension, Philadelphia,	Fras. Hoskins, Jno. P. Aertsen,		"
	G. S. Sterling, J. M. Aertsen,		"
St. Lukes's, Philadelphia,		L. R. Ashurst,	"
Epiphany, Philadelphia,		F. W. Porter,	"
Atonement, Philadelphia,	E. C. Biddle, Joseph Whetham,		"
St. Mark's, Philadelphia,	James Cox, Henry Reed,		"
	Jno. R. Wilmer, Charles Emory,		"
Mediator, Philadelphia,		Jos. H. Hildeburn, }	"
St. Philip's, Spring Garden,	Wm. Webb,	Richd. Clements, }	"
		Sol. Alter, }	"
Nativity, Spring Garden,	Jos. Richards,	Thos. H. Powers, }	"
Redemption, S. Garden,	Jos. S. Burnett, Wm. Platt, Jr.,		"

CHURCHES.	AYES.	NAYS.	VOTE.	
			AYE.	NAY.
Messiah, Port Richmond,		E. C. Graeff, Thos. J. Cooke,		"
St. John's, N. Liberties,	Wm. Letford, Henry Chadwick,			"
Advent, N. Liberties,	Jos. S. Riley, Jos. J. Huckel,			"
All Saints', Moyamensing,	Wm. Robinson, Jr., J. C. Montgomery,			"
Evangelists, Southwark,	J. H. Evans,			"
Trinity, Southwark,	P. Williamson, C. S. Rutter,			"
Gloria Dei, Southwark,	Jas. Stewart, Jno. McKay,			"
St. Jude's, District of Penn,	Fras. Wharton,	J. L. Smith, E. W. Mumford, }		"
St. James', Kinsessing,	Geo. G. Thomas,			"
St. James' the Less, N. Penn,	R. Ralston, Geo. B. Blight, Jas. Kempton,			"
All Saints', Lower Dublin,	C. R. King, C. W. Harrison.			"
Emanuel, Holmesburg,	Alex. Brown,			"
St. Mark's, Frankford,	C. S. Pancoast,			"
St. Luke's, Germantown,	J. S. Littell, D. Rodney King,			"
Emanuel, Kensington,		H. M'Paul, Richd. Moffitt,		"
St. Bartholomew's, "	Edward Shippen, J. C. Mitchell, A. E. Stocker,			"
Zion, South Penn,		Thos. Robinson,		"
St. Mary's, W. Philadelphia,	Thos. Allibone, E. T. Smith,			"
St. David's, Manayunk,	S. Wagner,			"
Trinity, Pottsville,	E. O. Parry,			"
Zion, Tuscarora,	Joseph H. Alter,			"
Grace, Honesdale,		Z. H. Russell, J. H. Dunning, Michael Schall,		"
St. John's, York county,				"
		Ayes, 51. Nays, 16. Divided, 1.		

So the Resolution reported by the Committee was adopted. The Convention then adjourned.

G. M. WHARTON, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, }
Friday, May 24, A. D. 1850, 9 o'clock, A. M. }

The Convention met. The roll was called and the minutes of yesterday, P. M., read and approved. The Rev. Mr. Harris submitted the following, *Resolved*,—That the words, "Clergymen or" in the 2d and 8th lines of the 8th Revised Regulation be stricken out. Rev.

Dr. Ducachet objected to the resolution as out of order. On motion the house proceeded to the order of the day—being the election of the remaining member of the deputation to the General Convention. The clerical tellers acting as yesterday, and the lay tellers being Judge Church, Judge Stroud, Mr. J. M. Aertsen and Mr. Bollman.

The Rev. Mr. J. M. Douglas moved that the report of the committee on the proposed amendments to the constitution be made the order of this day for 11 o'clock, A. M., which was adopted.

While the tellers were engaged in counting the votes, the Rev. Dr. Bowman presented the following :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed, to consider the constitution and canons *nine* and *eighteen*, and to report to the next Convention, whether any, and if any, what changes may be expedient therein, touching the mode of electing the Standing Committee, the Delegates to the General Convention, and the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, which was adopted.

Mr. Jos. G. Lawton, a lay deputy from the Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair, Schuylkill County, presented his certificate, answered to his name, and took his seat.

The tellers then reported—That on the part of the clergy seventy-six votes had been cast, necessary to a choice thirty-nine. Of these G. M. Wharton had received forty votes and R. C. Hale thirty-five, J. R. Ingersoll one. On the part of the laity fifty-three votes had been cast, necessary to a choice twenty-seven. Of these G. M. Wharton had received twenty-seven, and

R. C. Hale, twenty-four, and J. R. Ingersoll two. The Bishop thereupon announced, that G. M. Wharton had been duly elected the remaining delegate to the General Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Buchanan submitted the following :

Resolved, That the same committee (viz.: that on Dr. Bowman's resolution) be requested to inquire into the expediency of so altering the canons as to make it necessary to elect only a portion of the Standing Committee every year; and if the committee deem such alteration expedient, to report such changes in the canons as they may deem necessary—which was adopted.

He also submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the first section of canon eighteen be amended by inserting between the words "every" and "stated" in the first clause, the word "*third*," so as to make the clause read "Deputies to the General Convention shall be chosen by the concurrent ballot of the clergy and lay votes at every *third* stated Convention :—" and that the second clause of the same section be amended by striking out the words "the next stated Convention and" so as to make it read, "And those appointed shall continue until others are chosen in their places."

Mr. J. S. Smith moved to refer the above to the committee of five to be appointed under Rev. Dr. Bowman's resolution, which was carried.

He then offered the following, as proposed amendments to the Constitution.

Article 2d, in third line, add the word "third" after the word "every."

Article 6th, in second line, strike out the word

“annual.” And moved to refer the subject to the same committee, which was carried.

The Rev. Mr. Childs moved that the Standing Committee be appointed the committee under the canon of 1846—in reference to the state of the Church—which was adopted.

Mr. Lawrence Lewis moved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire how many trustees of the General Theological Seminary this diocese is entitled to, and also to report the names of the present incumbents, which was carried.—The Bishop appointed Mr. L. Lewis, and Rev. Messrs. Coleman and Suddards.

Mr. Robins moved, That the next Convention of this Church be held in St. Mark's Church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, A. D. 1851, at five o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Ralston moved to amend, by referring it to the Standing Committee to select a suitable place for the subsequent meetings of this Convention, with power to take order.

Rev. Dr. Boyd moved as a substitute, that the Convention hold its next annual meeting at St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, A. D. 1851, at five o'clock, P. M., which was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Suddards offered the following:

Resolved, That the clerical and lay deputies from this diocese to the General Convention be instructed to propose to that body such an amendment or amendments of the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, as will secure an equitable representation of the respective dioceses, in

proportion to the number of clergy canonically resident therein.

On motion of Mr. J. S. Smith, the resolution was referred to the next Convention.

The Report of the Committee on the proposed amendments to the Constitution, was then taken up, and the first resolution submitted by the Committee was considered and approved.

The second resolution was taken up for consideration. The Rev. Mr. Harris moved to amend by striking out "present to the ecclesiastical authority a certificate from a physician," and insert, "satisfy the ecclesiastical authority."

Mr. J. S. Riley moved the indefinite postponement of the consideration of the foregoing and of the remaining subjects presented by the report of the Committee, which was carried.

Rev. Dr. Howe then moved, that the resolution on page 52 of printed Journal of 1849, offered by the Rev. Dr. Upfold, be rescinded.

Mr. J. S. Smith moved as an amendment the following resolution, as a substitute for the resolution of the Rev. Dr. Upfold referred to.

Resolved, That no clergyman shall be entitled to a seat in any Convention on the ground of inability to discharge the duties of a parish on account of impaired health, unless such clergyman shall, previously to each Convention, have satisfied the ecclesiastical authority of the fact and the nature and probable continuance of the disease.

The Rev. Dr. Howe accepted the resolution as a substitute for his own.

Rev. Dr. Boyd moved, as an amendment, that the resolution on the Journal of 1849, page 52, referred to, be rescinded, which was carried.

Mr. J. S. Smith then moved, as an independent resolution, his before-mentioned substitute, and the same was adopted.

The Bishop nominated the following Committee under the resolution of the Rev. Dr. Bowman, adopted this morning, viz.:—

COMMITTEE ON CANONS.—Rev. Drs. Bowman and Hare, Messrs. J. S. Smith, G. W. Woodward, Judge Church.

The Rev. Dr. Bowman offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That a Committee of *five* be appointed to consider whether any measure on the part of this Convention be practicable or expedient for rendering the fund of “the Corporation for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania,” more available for the purposes for which it was instituted, and to report to the next Convention.

Pending the consideration of this resolution, the Convention adjourned.

G. M. WHARTON, Secretary.

Friday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, and the calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the Rev. Dr. Bowman's resolution.

The Rev. Dr. Coleman moved the indefinite postponement of the subject, but subsequently withdrew the motion.

The Rev. Mr. Spackman moved to refer the resolution to the Standing Committee.

The Rev. J. B. Smith thereupon moved—that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed—which was agreed to.

Mr. H. B. Wright then submitted the following :

Whereas, certain resolutions (see Journal of 1849, pages 43 and 44,) were passed by the last Annual Convention, relative to the removal, by the House of Bishops, of the disabilities imposed by that body, on the Right Rev. Henry U. Onderdonk, D. D., which may be calculated to convey a wrong impression as to the sense of this Convention, as well as the true state of public opinion throughout the diocese. Therefore
Resolved,

That this Convention does not desire to express any opinion as to the merits of the question—nor design that said resolutions shall in any manner be regarded as resolutions of instruction to the Right Rev. the Bishop of this diocese, as to the course he should pursue in the House of Bishops. But that they, the Clerical and Lay Members of this Convention, respectfully leave the matter to the decision of the tribunal having jurisdiction, without the expression of an opinion—feeling confident, that in its decision, substantial justice will be done as well to the Church, as the Right Rev. Gentleman in question.

The Rev. Mr. Yarnall moved to lay the resolution and preamble on the table.

On motion of Mr. Littell, the question was taken by orders—and resulted as follows:

CLERGY.

AYES.

Rev. F. W. Beasley,	Rev. M. A. De W. Howe, D. D.
“ Wm. H. Bourns,	“ Norris M. Jones,
“ Samuel Bowman, D. D.	“ Edmund Leaf,
“ E. Y. Buchanan,	“ John Long,
“ W. M. Carmichael, D.D.	“ Dwight E. Lyman,
“ John A. Childs,	“ H. E. Montgomery,
“ Wm. J. Clark,	“ B. W. Morris,
“ J. C. Clay, D. D.	“ H. J. Morton, D. D.
“ J. B. Clemson,	“ G. W. Natt,
“ John Coleman, D. D.	“ W. H. Odenheimer,
“ Wm. C. Cooley,	“ Fred. Ogilby,
“ Thomas Crumpton,	“ John Rodney,
“ Robert Davis,	“ Peter Russell,
“ Wm. N. Diehl,	“ Owen E. Shannon,
“ B. Dorr, D. D.	“ J. B. Smith,
“ J. M. Douglass,	“ Joseph H. Smith,
“ G. C. Drake,	“ Richard Smith,
“ H. W. Ducachet, D. D.	“ Henry S. Spackman,
“ Geo. A. Durborow,	“ Henry Tullidge,
“ Joseph J. Elsegood,	“ Peter Van Pelt,
“ Rees C. Evans,	“ H. Hastings Weld,
“ Geo. C. Field,	“ James A. Woodward,
“ G. Emlen Hare, D. D.	“ Christopher B. Wyatt,
“ Wm. J. Hilton,	“ Thomas C. Yarnall,
“ G. P. Hopkins,	“ Bishop Potter.—50.

NAYS.

Rev. Archibald Beatty,	Rev. Richard D. Hall,
“ Levi Bull, D. D.	“ Saml. Hazlehurst,
“ Saml. A. Clark,	“ Marmaduke Hirst,
“ James H. Fowles,	“ George D. Miles,

Rev. Danl. L. Miller,
 “ Richard Newton,
 “ Charles W. Quick,
 “ Nathan Stem,

Rev. Richard S. Trapier.
 “ John A. Vaughan, D. D.
 “ Christian Wiltberger.
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And the following, for various reasons given at the time, declined voting, viz: Messrs. Clotworthy, Goddard, Harris, Marsden, Mendenhall, Stevens, Thompson and Winchester.—S.

VOTE OF CONGREGATIONS.

AYES.

Trinity church, City of Pittsburgh.	Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden.
Christ church, Reading.	Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond.
St. Paul's church, West White-land township.	All Saints' church, Moyamensing.
Christ church, Danville.	Gloria Dei church, Southwark.
Christ church, Meadville.	St Matthew's church, Francisville.
Calvary church, Rockdale.	St. James the Less church, North Penn township.
St. James' church, Lancaster.	St. Mark's church, Frankford.
Christ church, Leacock.	St. Luke's church, Germantown.
Bangor church, Caernarvon township, Churchtown.	St. Bartholomew's church, Kensington.
All Saints' church, Paradise.	St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia.
St. James' church, Muncy.	St. David's church, Manayunk.
Christ church, Philadelphia.	Grace church, Honesdale, Dy-
St. Peter's church, Philada.	berry Parish.
St. James' church, Philada.	St. John's church, York. co.
St. Paul's church, Philada.	33.
St. Stephen's church, Philada.	
Grace church, Philada.	
Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.	
St. Luke's church, Philada.	
St. Mark's church, Philada.	

NAYES.

St. Andrew's church, City of Pittsburgh.	St. Philip's church, Spring Garden.
St. Stephen's church, Wilkes-barre.	Advent church, Northern Liberties.
St. Andrew's church, Phila.	St. Jude's church, District of Penn.
Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia, divided.	Emmanuel church, Kens'gton.
Church of the Epiphany, Phila.	8.
Divided.—Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia.	

So the resolution and preamble were laid on the table.

The Rev. Dr. Coleman presented the following Report.

The Committee on the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, beg leave to report, that this Diocese is entitled to nominate twenty-four Trustees.

The present Trustees are, Rev. Drs. Dorr, Ducachet, Boyd, Bull, Howe, and Morton; the Rev. Messrs. Rodney, Buchanan, Odenheimer, Suddards, Ogilby; and Messrs. J. S. Smith, Benj. Stiles, G. M. Wharton, H. Binney, Jr., Herman Cope, L. R. Ashhurst, A.L. Hayes, Wm. Welsh, and Robert Ralston.

The Right Rev. Dr. Upfold and Rev. Dr. Morgan, have vacated their seats by removal from the diocese; and consequently there are four vacancies to be filled.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN COLEMAN,

WM. SUDDARDS.

LAWRENCE LEWIS.

The Bishop was thereupon requested by the Convention, to nominate four persons to fill the said vacancies—and he accordingly nominated the Rev. Dr. Carmi-

chael, the Rev. Messrs. Clemson and Goddard, and Mr. Alexander Brown.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, the following persons were then nominated to the General Convention for Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, on the part of this Diocese—viz :

Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D.	Messrs. James S. Smith,
H. W. Ducachet, D. D.	B. Stiles,
George Byrd,	G. M. Wharton,
Levi Bull, D. D.	H. Binney, Jr.
H. J. Morton, D. D.	Herman Cope,
John Rodney, Jr.,	L. R. Ashhurst,
E. Y. Buchanan,	A. L. Hayes,
W. H. Odenheimer,	William Welsh,
M. A. De W. Howe, D.D.	Robert Ralston,
William Suddards,	Alex. Brown.
Frederick Ogilby,	
Wm. M. Carmichael, D.D.	
J. B. Clemson,	
Kingston Goddard,	

On motion of Mr. Robins, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of his proposed Revised Regulation, of which he had given notice yesterday. When, on motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was postponed until the next Annual Convention.

On motion of the Secretary, he was authorized to have 750 copies of the Journal printed.

The Rev. Mr. Harris offered the following :

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee to examine, and report to the next Convention, what provisions of the Constitution, Canons or Regulations of this Diocese, are in conflict with each other or with enact-

ments of the General Convention, or superfluous because substantially contained therein.

Which was adopted, and Rev. Messrs. Harris, Ducachet, Hare, G. M. Wharton, and G. M. Stroud, appointed the committee.

On motion of Judge Church, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the Rector and Vestry of St. Andrew's Church, for the use of the Church edifice, for the session of the Convention.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet, balloting for Treasurers of the Convention and Episcopal Fund, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dorr, the calling upon Clergymen to answer in reference to collections for the Convention Fund, was dispensed with.

The Bishop appointed the following Committee on the State of the Church, viz: Rev. Drs. Stevens, Ducachet, and Rev. Mr. Suddards.

After the singing of a part of the 99th Psalm of the Selection, and the delivery of an address to the members by the Bishop—and also,

After the offering of some Collects by him, and with his benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

G. M. WHARTON, *Secretary*.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Philadelphia.

During the year up to the 17th inst., I have officiated or assisted in the services of the Church, when I have not lectured or preached, on 9 occasions. I have administered or assisted in the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, on 11 occasions. I have baptized 56 persons. In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 241 occasions. I have married 23 couple. I have officiated on 79 funeral occasions.

During the year up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 913; 900 of them to the sick, afflicted, &c. A few Bibles and New Testaments have been distributed; also 78 Prayer Books, and 49,376 pages of tracts, in which is included 24,660 pages of the tract, "Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth," &c.

My monthly appointment at the Widows' Asylum, also my weekly appointment in the Magdalen Asylum, and at my own house, are continued. On other occasions I officiate during the week and on the Lord's day, in the City and County of Philadelphia, or in other places more remote, as the Lord in his Providence seems to direct. During the last three months, with the exception of two Sabbaths, I have supplied the vacant and feeble Church at Mullica Hill, New Jersey. In that time 3 persons have been there confirmed.

For a more enlarged view of my movements, I would refer you to my printed Annual Report, which I have recently prepared.

Report of the Rev. Henry H. Bean, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehanna county.

Congregation, families 44, adults 115, children 40: total, 155; confirmed 4; communicants, added 5, withdrawn 3, present number 52; marriages 3; burials 7; public services on Sundays 113, other days 33, total, 146; children catechised in the Church occasionally; Sunday school teachers, male 3, female 25, total 8; scholars, male 15, female 25, total 40; collections, Convention fund \$8, other purposes \$44 56, total \$52 56.

This parish owns a lot of ground of about three-fourths of an acre, which is suitably enclosed, and on which is a plain but comfortable parsonage, and a building for a carriage house and stable. The addition to the parsonage, mentioned in my last report, has been finished and paid for; but for repairs, for erecting the carriage house and inclosing the lot, a debt has been incurred of about \$225, which, when

liquidated, the parish will be in a more prosperous condition than it probably has been at any former period of its history.

The salary guaranteed to the Rector by the vestry, was \$400. Of this sum they were to pay for the second or present year, \$300. Two quarters of this sum became due on the 1st of March, of which I have received \$136, leaving \$14 still due, which, with the sum due for last year, leaves the amount due me \$24.

In addition to the stated services performed in St. Andrew's church, the Rector has a semi-monthly service in the afternoon of Sunday, at Dimock, where there is a respectable and encouraging attendance. There is also a service performed monthly at Tunkhannock, where the congregations have been most unexpectedly large and encouraging. The services should be increased there, that the Church may be firmly established. A church building is very much needed, as we are now dependent upon the kindness of the members of the Methodist denomination, for a place in which to hold our services.

Report of Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saint's Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county, and of Christ's Chapel, Oak Grove, Buck's county.

Baptisms, adults 6, infants 12, total 18; communicants, added 6, removed 1, total 46; confirmed 7; marriages 2; Sunday schools 2; 1 at All Saints' church, and 1 at our chapel at Oak Grove. The one at All Saints' has been open all the year. The Rector continued to teach the one at Oak Grove during the part of the year in which it was assembled. At All Saints' church, we have no other collections made, than those of the monthly offertory. On 11 occasions, the contributions amounted altogether to \$63 12.

At the offertory at the chapel, at the three last celebrations of the Holy Communion, the collections amounted altogether to \$6 88.

Out of these sums we have contributed, for Episcopal fund \$8; for Convention fund \$8; Disabled Clergyman's fund \$10; Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$5; Domestic Missions \$15; Foreign Missions \$5; to Rev. Wm. Unonius for the erection of his church \$3; for Sunday schools at Church and Chapel, Parochial Library, &c. \$15; All Saints' church has paid \$66 69, for a lot adjoining its parsonage grounds. The collections made at our chapel for defraying its current expenses, have amounted to \$18 05. The property belonging to All Saints' church, other than the church building and grave-yard, consists of a Sexton's house and lot; of a lot adjoining the grave-yard; of its Missionary chapel at Oak Grove, and the lot on which it stands; of a parsonage and a lot of nearly an acre—and of an adjoining lot in which is a garden and stable; of stock in Turnpike, yielding this year an interest of \$30; of \$400, in bond and mortgage.

Its debts are \$300, due upon its chapel, on which it pays a yearly interest of 6 per cent.

The Rector receives for his salary, a parsonage and \$600. A debt

due in past years has not been altogether paid, and there is a deficiency in his salary for the present year. The vestry, he is glad to say, are making exertions to secure a prompt fulfilment of their engagements.

In addition to our customary services at the church and chapel, I have officiated for about four months at a school house near the Trap, every other Sunday, after the service at Oak Grove.

Report of the Rev. Archibald Beatty, Rector of the parishes of Zion Church, Tuscarora, and Calvary Church, Tamaqua, in the County of Schuylkill, for the year ending May 1st, 1850.

ZION CHURCH, TUSCARORA.

Congregation, families 18; adults 70; baptisms, infants 20; confirmed 1; communicants added 1; present number 7; marriages 1; burials 3; public services 53; Sunday school 1; teachers 8; pupils 60; collections for fencing in the church and other purposes \$215 77.

This parish owns no church property, and is free from debt. The church building was erected at the sole expense of Cornelius Stevenson, Esq., a generous communicant of St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, and with the lot, is held in trust by him, for the use of the inhabitants of Tuscarora, and its vicinity. No stated salary has been pledged by the congregation. During the past year, they have contributed \$30 for my support. The residue is made up by friends of this mission and of that of Tamaqua, who reside in Philadelphia. Total \$380. There is no part of it remaining unpaid.

The services of the Church are better attended than at any former period, and the truth of God is evidently not spoken in vain. (In the last Report, mention ought to have been made of 7 baptisms in this parish, viz. 2 adults and 5 infants.)

CALVARY CHURCH, TAMAQUA.

Congregation, families 19, adults 100, children 90, total 190; baptisms, infants 6; confirmed 1; communicants added 9; removed 2; present number 12; public services on Sundays 49, other days 7, total 56; Sunday schools 1; teachers 25; pupils 122; collections \$151 02.

This parish has been in existence but one year. Since its formation it has worshipped in an upper room, difficult of access, and in other respects inconvenient. The congregation are now making an effort to build a neat stone church, which will probably cost \$4000, and through the blessing of God, and the free-will offerings of those to whom he has given the means and the heart to contribute, they hope it will be successful. Tamaqua is the centre of a large mining district, and has within the last three years doubled its population, which now exceeds 4000. Should the Church be established on a good foundation here, there is no doubt but her influence will be extended to the numerous towns and villages in the neighbourhood.

"The ladies have formed a "Sewing Circle," and intend holding a Fair, which is to open the last Wednesday in June. Subscriptions

amounting to 2,200, including a lot given by the "Little Schuylkill Railroad Company," have been collected in Tamaqua.

Report of Rev. James Bonnar.

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Bishop of Pennsylvania, that, since his last report in May 1849, he has, either by himself, celebrated, or with others, assisted in celebrating Divine service, 148 times; he has baptized several children, reported by others; he has solemnized two marriages, and buried two adults.

He reports further, that he has ceased to be the Principal of St. James' Grammar School, and that, on the 2d of this present month, he was duly elected by the Trustees, an Assistant Master in the "Academy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of Philadelphia."

Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Bourns, of the parish of St. John's Church, in the County of Huntingdon, for the year ending May 1st., 1850.

Congregation, families 12, adults 36, children 25, total 61; baptisms, adult 1, infants 5, total 6; confirmed 2; communicants added 2, removed 2; present number 17; burial 1; public services, on Sundays 36, other days 3, total 39; Sunday school, male and female, 1; teachers 5; pupils 29; collections, Episcopal fund \$2 50; Convention fund \$3 00; Christmas fund \$5 00.

Having experienced a full measure of southern hospitality in Florida, I returned to Pennsylvania in the month of June last. Soon afterwards, finding my health begin to improve, in September I took charge of this small parish; since which time I have, through the blessing of God, been enabled to hold an afternoon service on Sundays, except twice that I was prevented by ill health. But the return of Spring weather, with some accidental circumstances, renewed lately, for a time, one of the most distressing symptoms of my disease. I am still therefore, reluctantly a recipient of the Church's bounty to her disabled ministers.

1. In the year 1795, Rev. Dr. Smith, Provost of the College of Philadelphia, granted to the parish a lot of ground 200 feet square, as the site of Church and Parsonage; but in so inconvenient a situation, that it has never been used for these purposes.

2. The Church is in debt for building, amount not exactly ascertainable, perhaps \$1200.

3. The clergyman is entitled to receive \$100 per annum, and the same is not in arrear.

Report of Rev. Charles Breck, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, and St. John's, Concord, Delaware County.

Congregations, families 50; baptisms 20; confirmed 6; communicants added 10; died or removed 6; present number 40; marriages 3; burials 16; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 20, total 72; children catechised, frequently; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 7,

pupils 51; female 1, teachers 10, pupils 66, total, schools 2, teachers 17, pupils 117; Bible classes 1, members 8; collections, Episcopal fund \$5 00; Convention fund \$3 00; Missionary and other purposes \$60 00; total \$68 00.

The parsonage fund amounts to about \$600 invested, and \$200 pledged; the debt against the Church is \$100; and the salary \$400; all of which is paid.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CONCORD, DEL. CO.

Congregation, families 23; baptisms, infants 3; communicants 24; marriages 1; burials 1; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 4, total 56; children catechised, in church, times 15; collections, Episcopal fund \$4, Convention fund \$3, Missionary \$8, Church debt \$135; salary \$248—paid \$215; due \$33.

Report of Rev. S. Bowman, Rector of St. James's Church, in the city and county of Lancaster for the year ending May 1, 1850.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 20, total 22; marriages 10; confirmed 15; burials 29; communicants, added 10, died or removed 6, present number 144; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 52, total 156; children catechized, monthly, Sunday schools 3, teachers 17, pupils 135; collections, including monthly offerings for same objects, Christmas fund \$34 05; Society for Advancement of Christianity, \$77 05; Foreign Missions \$60; Domestic Missions \$75; Bishop's fund \$25 30; Convention fund \$35; for a particular Missionary \$21 26. Total \$327 66.

Our Parochial Schools continue to realize all the hopes heretofore entertained and expressed in regard to them; and to strengthen the conviction as well of their feasibility, as of their adaptation to the system of the Church, and the necessities of the times.

Within the last year, an Orphan Asylum, under the control of the Rector and Vestry, has been erected and opened, for female children. The endowment for this purpose, began with the bequests of a mother and son, formerly connected with the parish of St. James. The Legislature of the State has since added generously to the original sum. There are now six orphans in the establishment: they attend the parish schools.

The property of the Church, besides the church and church-yard, consists of a parsonage house and lot of ground, a Sunday school house and lot of ground, and between \$4000 and \$5000 in bank stock. The debts of the Church are about \$1300, the most of which was incurred in the erection of the parsonage, for the occupation of which, however, the Rector pays a moderate rent. The salary of the Rector is \$1100, no part of which is in arrears.

A Report of the Rev. Geo. Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, N. L., Philadelphia, for the two years ending May 21, 1850.

This parish continues to bear its testimony in favor of a free and unrestricted Gospel; and against what is believed to be a grievous offence in the sight of God, and a prevailing hindrance to the prosperity of his Church, the evil practice of selling and renting out for money the sacred privileges of the Sanctuary. We deprecate the idea of judging or condemning other Churches: yet we do most heartily lament the necessity which is imposed upon us, of adhering to what we believe to be pleasing to God, conformable to the principles and example of the Churches while under the Apostolic rule, and most conducive to the Divine glory.

During the last year the Church building was repaired, and certain alterations made in the arrangement of the chancel, which have given great satisfaction to the congregation, and which render it better adapted to the Church services. These repairs and this alteration were effected at an expense of about one thousand dollars; a large proportion of which was procured from the proceeds of a sale, got up by the ladies of the congregation, and other ladies having a goodwill towards us. From the proceeds of this sale, and from sundry contributions made by members of the Church, a debt was paid about the same time of about \$369, which had been contracted in providing accommodation for the Sunday schools.

From a corrected list of the communicants of the Church, there appears to be about 130 in constant and tolerably regular attendance on the Communion of the Lord's Supper; I have married 10 couple; baptized 23 persons, 6 of whom were adults; and there have been confirmed 24 persons, during the last two years.

Our public services for Divine worship are two on each Lord's day, morning and afternoon, save that on the first Sunday of every month, we dispense with the afternoon service, and have service in the evening, when the offerings are appropriated to the incidental expenses of the Church. We have also Divine service in the morning of every holy day.

The Sunday schools continue to be conducted under the superintendence and care of a goodly number of devoted teachers; all the instruction given in them, may be called "Catechetical," and is aimed at making the Bible and the formularies of the Church well understood by her young members.

We hope to be excused, owing to our peculiar necessity and exertions, for not having made any collections for other than parochial purposes. The only exception to this remark has been the payment of what we promised to the Nashotah Mission, for the support of a beneficiary who went thither from us; and the collection and despatch of a box of clothing suitable to the use of the mission, valued at about \$300.

Report of the Rev. Edwd. Y. Buchanan, Rector of All Saints' Church, in Paradise, in the county of Lancaster, for the year ending May 1, 1850.

Congregation, families 38, total of individuals about 200; baptisms—adults 2, children 19, total 21; confirmed 4; communicants, added 2, died 3, removed 5, stricken from list for long absence from the Communion 3, present number 46; marriage 1; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 56, other days 13, total 69; children catechised 60, times not known—but frequently; Sunday schools 1, teachers 12, pupils 100; Collections, Episcopal fund \$3, Convention fund \$7, Christmas fund \$3 50, Prayer-book societies \$8, debt of the Church \$197, Missionary and other purposes \$84 85, total \$303 35.

Whilst the number of additions to the Communion during the past year has been unusually small, the number of removals and deaths has been, as will be perceived from the above, unusually large; and of the deaths, one has been that of one of our most useful and exemplary members, Joel Lightner, Esq. On the whole, however, the affairs of the Church are believed to be in nearly as good a state as they were a year ago. As for further *immediate* growth, at least to any great degree, it is believed to be in vain to expect it, in a neighbourhood constituted as is this. The most that can be hoped for is the retention, and perhaps the *gradual* increase of the present amount of Church strength.

The only property belonging to this parish, beside the church building, is the lot of two acres on which it stands, and on which stands also, a convenient, substantial schoolhouse. The present debt of the Church, deducting such subscriptions, due the Church as will probably be collected, is \$234. No part of this debt is due the Rector. His account has been settled till the first of last month. His salary from this Church is \$300 per annum.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.

Families 36, individuals about 190; baptisms, adults 1, children 6, total 7; confirmed 4; communicants added 7, died 1, removed 3, stricken from list 2, present number 41; marriages 1; burials 4; public services, on Sundays 27, other days 5, total 32; children catechised about 25, times not known; Sunday school 1, teachers 6, pupils 25; collections, Episcopal fund \$3, Convention fund \$3, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$2 50, Missionary and other purposes \$21 20, total \$29 70.

This Church owns no property but the Church building and the lot of one acre on which it stands. There is no debt against the Church, except what is due the Rector, which, on this day, May 20, amounts to \$80. The yearly amount he is entitled to receive is \$100.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull.

Since I resigned the pastoral care of St. Mary's Church, Chester county, St. Thomas's Church, Berks county, and Bangor Church, Lan-

caster county, I have officiated in the following Churches, during the past Ecclesiastical year ; to wit:—St. Mark's, St. Andrew's, St. Mary's, St. Paul's, Trinity, St. John's (New London), St. John's (Pequea), St. Thomas's (Berks), Harrisburgh, Lewistown, Newholland, and Hinkletown, Lancaster Co. ; and, besides, I officiated for Mr. Myer, at Churchtown and Spring-grove, about three months, he having been disabled by sickness.

Report of Rev. DeWitt C. Byllesby, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Pike, Bradford county. †

Families, and parts of families connected with the Church 37 ; communicants 29 ; Sunday school teachers 5 ; scholars 30 ; baptisms, adult 1 ; infant 1 ; burials 5 ; marriages 1 ; services upon Sundays and other days, 79 ; collections, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$6 25 ; Convention fund, \$4 19 ; amount paid by the parish towards the support of a minister \$200 ; all paid except a few dollars.

The condition of this parish is greatly improving ; the attendance upon its services is increasing constantly, with a growing interest manifested by the congregation. The long needed repairs to the Church have been commenced, and I trust that the summer will find us in quite comfortable condition. There is no debt on the Church. In addition to the services at Pike, I have officiated regularly, since December 30, once a fortnight at Herrick, 7 miles distant. There are several Church families in this neighbourhood, who are desirous of having services ; and an effort is being made to erect a small chapel at a cost of about \$500. Services upon Sundays and other days 13.

At Cherry, Sullivan county, I hold a service on the third Sunday in each month. There are a few Episcopalians at this place, and our services are well attended by those attached to other denominations. I have preached here 4 times ; solemnized 1 marriage ; baptized 2 infants. It would be advisable to continue services at this post, though there is no immediate prospect of a church being erected.

Report of the Rev. William Millar Carmichael, D. D., Rector of the Parish of Christ Church in Meadville, in the County of Crawford.

Congregation, families and parts of families, 50, adults, about 130, children, not less than 150, total 280 ; baptisms, infants 10, adults 1, total 11 ; confirmed 10 ; communicants added 3 ; deceased 2 ; present number about 70 ; marriages 1 ; burials 4. Public services every Sunday during the year twice, as also constant weekly lectures during the season of Lent, and sermons on most of the festivals appointed by the Church ; children catechised usually once a month, sometimes openly in the Church ; at others, in the Sunday school after the ordinary routine of duty is completed. Sunday school, male teachers 5 ; female 12 ; male pupils 40 ; female 50 ; total, teachers 17, pupils 90 ; collections, Episcopal fund \$2 31 ; Diocesan fund \$12 90 ; Domestic Missions

\$12 00; Christmas fund, for the relief of aged and infirm clergymen \$6 38; total \$33 59.

By the last will and testament of the late Mrs. John B. Wallace, of Philadelphia, a valuable Communion service of silver has been bequeathed to this Church, as a token of her sincere regard for a parish, of which she and her deceased husband, were not only at one time the chief ornaments, but the honored instruments under God, of bringing into existence. In reply to the brief and beautiful note from one of her sons, in reference to the matter, the vestry desired me to express, as I most cheerfully did, their grateful sense of the solicitude and love, which prompted her to make, after many years of separation from this cherished spot, this noble gift, not only a memorial of *her* regard, but a memorial also of *him*, whom all who knew his worth here, still delight to remember and to name among the most beloved ones whom a kind Providence had vouchsafed to grant them, for a season, while they tabernacled in the flesh.

There is no "property other than the Church building and lot owned by the parish," except a Sunday school and lecture room, which is in tolerably good order; "the amount of indebtedness," though not large, is more burdensome than we could wish; "the salary which the Rector is entitled to receive," is \$600 per annum, but has not been fully paid during the last two years.

Report of the Rev. John A. Childs, Rector of the parish of St. David's, commonly called Radnor Church, in the County of Delaware, for the year ending May 1st, 1850.

Congregation, families 49, adults 103, children 59, total 162; baptisms, adults 1; confirmed 1; communicants added 4; died or removed 7; present number 54; marriages 4; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 95, other days 7, total 102; children catechised, times 4; Sunday school 1; teachers 5; pupils 40; collections, Episcopal fund \$4 46, Convention fund \$3 27, Missionary and other purposes \$62 82, total \$70 55.

Besides the Church building and burial ground, there is a parsonage and about five acres of land, the latter mostly in an unproductive state. The boundaries between the Church and an adjoining property are not yet settled. The Corporation having been obliged to bring an action of ejectment against the party encroaching. During the past year, the grave yard has been enlarged, and sheds erected at a cost of about \$300. The salary amounts to \$350, beside the parsonage, free of rent, and has been all paid for the last year up to Easter Monday. The congregation may be considered in a prosperous condition.

Report of the Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Rector of the Church of the Advent, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 1st, 1850.

Baptisms, adults 5, infants 18, total 23; confirmed 14; communicants, added 23; died or removed 10; present number 160; marriages

8; burials 10; children catechised monthly; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 17; pupils 108; female 1; teachers 17; pupils 146; total, schools 2, teachers 34, pupils 254, Bible class 1; collections, Episcopal fund \$14 00; Convention fund \$14 00; Foreign, Domestic and Diocesan Missions \$247 39; other purposes \$1057 65.

The Church is indebted to the amount of \$13,525 22. A "Sinking Fund Association" has been formed in the Church, and \$1000 have been paid during the past year towards reducing the debt. Total amount of contributions \$2,333 61; salary \$1000, paid punctually.

Report of Rev. William J. Clark, Rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, county of Lycoming, for the year ending May 1, 1850.

Families 18, adults 1, total 19; baptisms, infants 1; communicants, added 4, removed 5, present number 15; marriages 4; burials, adults 2; public services, Sundays 107, other days 8, total 115; children catechised every Sunday; Sunday school, teachers, male 1, female 6, total 7, scholars, male 34, female 34, total 68; collections, Church debt \$100, Convention fund \$2, incidental purposes \$50; Church lamps \$20 75.

I am not able to report much numerical increase since the last report, but am thankful to have it in my power to report a more prosperous state of things than ever before. The Church is entirely free from debt. The parish is remarkable for its unanimity; and the payment of the debt has encouraged the members to believe that they can sustain the parish in a very few years.

I feel pleasure in adding, in compliance with the resolution passed last year, 1st, That my Church is now out of debt; and 2d, That my salary of \$300 has been regularly paid. As yet, the Church owns no other property than the building and the lot on which it stands.

Report of the Rev. J. C. Clay, Rector of the parish of Gloria Dei Church, for the year ending May 1, A. D. 1850.

Congregation, families about 190; baptisms, adults 2; infants 82; total 84; confirmed 12; communicants, added 17, died or removed 15; present number 155; marriages 53; burials 45;* public services, on Sundays 104, other days 50, total 154; children catechised 150, times, every month, except the summer months; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 10, pupils 80, female 1, teachers 15, pupils 180, total schools 2, teachers 25, pupils 260; collections, Episcopal fund \$10, Convention fund \$10 34, Society for the Advancement of Christianity \$25, Missionary and other purposes \$184, total 229 34.

Property owned by the Church, a brick parsonage and four-ninths of several lots of ground between Swanson and Church streets; also ground-rents yielding about \$1300 per annum. The Church owes a

* In the report of burials, I have included a number of persons not of my congregation, and interred in other grounds than that belonging to the Church, some of them infants that I was called to baptize in sickness.

debt of about \$2500, incurred by recent improvements to the Church itself, by the erection last year of a commodious two-story brick building for the use of the Sunday schools, on Church street, and the erection of an iron palisade fence on said street. The salary of the Rector is \$900 and the parsonage. Salary paid quarterly, and with punctuality.

Report of the Rev. F. C. Clements.

The undersigned has been performing duties as assistant minister at St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, since his ordination.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, Chester county.

This parish maintains its usual standing. Its growth is steady and sound; but, like most parishes in country towns, is slow.

The regular services are upheld with system and punctuality; are pervaded by reverence and devotion; and sustained by the admirable performances of a volunteer choir, who, for many years, have been ardently emulous for the high praises of God.

There is a constant endeavor to ground the people in the distinctive features of the Church, as well as in the cardinal doctrines and practical duties of the Gospel.

Especial regard is had to the welfare of the young, who are frequently catechised and instructed openly, both in and out of the Church. And they constitute a large proportion of the congregation, from the fact that seven boarding schools have their location in the borough, and several near it; the whole county sustaining, in addition to its other schools, near 30 for boarding pupils.

Baptisms, infants 5, adults 2, total 7; confirmed 4; marriages 8; burials 4; communicants, added 10, removed 2, deceased 3, whole number 60; contributions, Society for Advancement of Christianity \$15, Christmas fund \$12 71, Episcopal fund \$5, Convention fund \$5, General Domestic Missions \$24, Foreign Missions \$38 05, Episcopal Female Tract Society \$8, Missions in Chester county \$23 05, to other objects \$111 14 $\frac{3}{4}$, whole \$241 95 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The property of the parish, other than the Church building and lot, is a cemetery containing about an acre and a half, apart from the Church but within the borough limits; also a lot of ground 80 feet front by 165 deep, on which is erected the rectory, contiguous to the Church.

The indebtedness of the parish is as follows:—On the Church building and lot there is a mortgage to secure a dower, amounting to \$333 33. On the cemetery there is a balance due of \$282. On the rectory and lot there is due \$3816 90. The entire cost was \$4475 28. Forty-six feet of the lot was the generous donation of the present senior warden, Mr. Lewis Brinton. There has been paid since its commencement, March 1848, \$658 38.

The amount of salary received by the Rector, for the year ending April 1st, 1850, was \$371 75, with the free use of the rectory. A very small fraction of uncollected pew rent is yet due him. His salary has always been paid with commendable punctuality. Its amount at present is contingent on the income of the parish.

Report of the Rev. William Clotworthy.

Since his residence in Rockport, and Clifton in Carbon county, and Whitehaven, Luzerne county, he continues to hold three services every Sunday. He preaches once in each of those places. The families are very few who give a preference to the Episcopal Church in those places. Since his residence he has been called upon to baptize six children, to attend to five funerals, and to solemnize one marriage. At Clifton, a Church is about to be organized.

Report of Rev. J. Howland Coit, Rector of the parish of St. Stephen's Church, in Harrisburg, in the county of Dauphin, for the year ending May 1st, 1850.

Congregation, families 40, adults 125, children 74, total 199; baptisms, adults 1, infants 3, total 4; confirmed 6; communicants added 7, died or removed 3, present number 65; marriages 2; burials 8; public services, on Sundays 98, other days 66, total 164; children catechised 11 times; Sunday schools 2, male teachers 4, female teachers 5, scholars 100; collections, Episcopal fund \$20, Convention fund \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$200, total \$225.

The parish owns no property except the Church edifice and lot. It is also entirely free from debt. The salary, \$800, is promptly paid quarterly.

Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of the parish of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia, for the year ending May 21, 1850.

Congregation, about as last reported, say, families 200, adults 630, children 370, total 1000; baptisms, adults 9, infants 49, total 58; confirmed (including 2 in private), 17; communicants, last reported 369, added 32, died 14, removed 18, present number 369; marriages 30; burials 44; public services, on Sundays 105, (Church closed four Sundays to allow of improvements,) other days 24, (weekly services suspended during a portion of the winter, on account of indisposition,) total 129; children catechized, monthly, openly in the Church; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 15, pupils 149, female 2, teachers 35, pupils 233, total, schools 4, teachers 50, pupils 402; Bible class 1, members 25; collections, Convention fund \$20, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania \$50, Christmas fund for disabled Clergymen \$24 50, Missionary and other purposes \$744 93, total \$839 43.

During the past winter, my health having become impaired, the vestry kindly granted me leave of absence for a few months, and also

generously furnished the means of improving it by travelling; the result of which has been my entire restoration. I also desire to express the grateful sense I entertain of numerous other substantial tokens of kindness and sympathy on the part of my parishioners.

In obedience to a resolution of the last Convention, I have the honor of reporting that the only property owned by this parish is the church edifice, Sunday school building, and cemetery adjoining. The debt of the parish amounts to \$6750, which is in course of gradual liquidation. The Rector's salary is \$1500, and I am gratified to state that it is always paid as regularly and punctually as the quarter-day arrives.

Report of the Parish of Trinity Church, Connellsville, Fayette county.

This parish is at present without a Rector.

The records show the following statistics :—congregation, families 26, adults 52, children 43, total 95; baptisms 1; burials 3; communicants, added 2, present number 31; collections \$40 20.

Salary of the minister, including the use of a commodious house, \$300. This, with the missionary stipend of \$150, increases it to \$450 per annum. The Sunday school consists of about 7 teachers and 50 scholars.

Report of the Rev. Wm. C. Cooley, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville.

Our permanent congregation is steadily increasing, which is no doubt owing mainly to the plan we have adopted of having free pews interspersed throughout the body of the Church. Some 30 or 40 families, besides many individuals, are now constant worshippers in our Church, who, had it not been for our free pews, would in all probability have wandered away, or perhaps have fallen into utter worldliness and infidelity.

My Sunday school is rapidly increasing, and now numbers 40 teachers and over 300 scholars. Teachers' meetings are held semi-monthly. A Missionary Society has been formed in the school, each member contributing a penny a week, and we shall from this realize twice as much as the whole congregation gives in the old way, by collections. It is my intention to extend this society so as to take in all the congregation who will join.

The regular canonical collections have been taken up, but owing to the unparalleled pecuniary depression in this region, and the consequent inability of some to contribute, and also the large demands upon our charities by persons thrown out of employment, together with the claims arising from the debts of the Church, we have not been able in consistence with these to contribute as much as we could have wished. The present debt of the Church is between \$4000 and \$5000. The income from pews and other sources is from \$1200 to \$1500. The Rector's salary \$800. The property, other than the Church, is a cemetery of some 5 acres of ground, pleasantly and conveniently located, and of considerable value.

I have had baptisms, infants and children 80, adults 8, total 88 ; confirmations 25 ; marriages 12 ; funerals 20 ; services regularly on Sundays and holy days.

Report of Rev. Charles D. Cooper, Rector of St. Philips' Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, families about 243 ; baptisms, adults 8, infants 15, total 23 ; Communicants, about the same number as reported last year ; marriages 14 ; burials 12 ; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers and librarians 20, pupils 195 ; female 2, teachers 19, pupils 199, total teachers and pupils 433 ; bible classes, male 1, members 20, female 1, members 43 ; Normal class for the preparation of teachers for the Sunday school 35 ; total teachers, pupils and numbers in Sunday schools, Bible classes, &c. 531 ; collections, Episcopal fund \$100 ; Convention 50 ; Missionary Society 2218 93 ; Young Ladies' Missionary Society 202 29 ; all other objects 369 88 ; total \$2,941 10.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in February last, and has not been able, as yet, to complete a correct list of families and communicants of the parish. There is no material change, however ; a few families have left the church during the past year, but about the same number have united with it, and the congregation, under the Divine blessing, continues in a prosperous state.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Cowell, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville.

Congregation, families 62, adults 135, children 93 ; baptisms, adults 2, infants 11, total 13 ; confirmed 8 ; communicants added 14, died or removed 15, present number 69 ; marriage 1 ; burials 15 ; public services on Sundays 76, other days 50, total 126 ; Sunday schools 2, (one being a branch in West Brownsville) male teachers 8, female teachers 15, male scholars 63, female scholars 89, total, teachers 23, scholars 152 ; Missionary and other collections \$375 53.

The interests of this parish during the past conventional year, have in the Providence of God considerably improved.

Notwithstanding the unusual decrease in the list of communicants by death and removal, yet the Church has gained considerably, both in the spirit and piety of those remaining ; and also in the accession of a few valuable families to the parish.

The prospects of the Church also, are still more promising through the rapid and remarkable growth of the town, during the last two or three years.

The collections, as indicated by the report, have, during the past year, been large and liberal. Among them, it may be well to mention, is the sum of \$185, raised in April last for the purchase of a new Bell. This amount, in addition to the value of the old bell, has enabled us to procure another, far superior in tone, and weighing 800 pounds.

Another special object included under the head of collections, is the sum of \$25; raised and contributed by the children of the Sunday schools, (in part by their industry) towards the education of a little girl in China.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, in the City of Allegheny, in the county of Allegheny.

Baptisms, infants 28; confirmed 16; communicants added 13, died or removed 7, present number 95; marriages 7; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 26, total 130; children catechized, weekly by the teachers of the Sunday school; monthly by the Rector; Sunday school, male teachers 5, female teachers 7, male pupils 45, female pupils 51, total teachers 12, pupils 96.

The demands upon our congregation for Church debt, &c., are so frequent, that no other collections have been taken up.

The property of the Church, other than the Church building and the lot, is a burial ground, about a mile and a half from the city.

The indebtedness of the Church is about 2250 dollars; the interest of which is paid punctually.

The salary of the Rector is 400 dollars per annum, exclusive of 100 dollars from the Advancement Society.

The amount of back salary due the Rector is 450 dollars.

Report of the Rev. Thomas J. Davis, Rector of the Church of the Resurrection, county of Philadelphia.

Since the last Convention, I have laboured assiduously to establish the Church in the spiritually destitute region of the Rising Sun village.

At a meeting of the Vestry, on the 24th of August, 1849, I was chosen Rector, at a salary of five hundred dollars.

This arrangement was made with the unanimous resolution that every exertion should be made to cause a Church edifice to be erected, whereunto the Rector and the Vestry were severally to solicit aid, sufficient to enable them to accomplish the object. A lot has been offered for a site, and the stone for the Church has been promised to be delivered on the ground; nineteen hundred dollars, including the Rector's support, has likewise been raised, and it is now hoped that ere long, two thousand more will be raised, which will enable the committee to put the building under contract for completion.

At present we hold divine service in the public school-house, being allowed the use thereof the first half of the day on Sunday. The congregation is respectable in point of numbers and devout in the performance of worship. A Sunday school has been organized of 59 scholars and 11 teachers; which I superintend, devoting, at the close, half an hour of oral instruction to the whole school. I have performed divine service and preached eighty-three times, solemnized four marriages, bap-

tized four children and one adult, and administered the Holy Communion there for the first time, on Easter, to four persons.

Report of the Rev. Mr. Diehl, Rector of the Parish of St. Thomas's Church, in Whitemarsh, in the county of Montgomery.

Congregation, families 36, adults 125, children 50, total 175; baptisms, adults 3, infants 10, total 13; confirmed, the Bishop's appointment is on the 9th June; communicants 43; marriages 2; burials 1; public services, on Sundays 52, other days 5, total 57; children catechised, monthly in the Church; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 2, pupils 30; female 1, teachers 4, pupils 30, total, schools 2, teachers 6, pupils 60; collections, Episcopal fund \$3; Convention fund \$3; Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$12; other purposes \$75, total \$93.

Public services in the Parish of St. Luke's Church, Germantown 40; baptisms, 2 infants; marriages 2; burials 3.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, in Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 220; baptisms, adults 11, infants 40, total 51; confirmed 27; communicants, added 33, died or removed 23, present number 435; marriages 10; burials 25; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 196, total 300; children catechised 300; times, on the last Sunday of each month; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 13, pupils 80; female 2, teachers 33, pupils 181; total, schools 3, teachers 46, pupils 261; Bible classes 2, members 22; collections, Episcopal fund \$150; Convention fund \$25 62; Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$271 35; Missionary and other purposes \$3107 67, total \$3554 64.

Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Rector of Zion Church, Philadelphia county

Baptisms, infants 15; marriages 5; burials 9; candidates for confirmation 5; communicants, removed 1, present number 16; Sunday school teachers 7; children 40.

The Rector begs to state, that his church is advantageously located in a neighbourhood where much spiritual good may be effected. It was hoped that a new Church edifice would be erected this season, for the better accommodation of our members; but it has been considered impracticable at present. About 700 dollars have been subscribed; and a capitalist has offered a lot at a low ground rent, and proffered 1000 dollars, to be secured on the Church edifice. The congregation is enlarging, and the Rector has increasing confidence in the stability and permanency of the enterprise, commenced and carried on in the strength of the Lord.

In obedience to the demand of the Convention, he states that he has disbursed, out of his private funds, for the use of the Church, until

20th May, 1850, the sum of \$184 37; and that the Vestry, as a body, have done little or nothing towards sustaining the pecuniary burdens of the church.

Report of the Rev. Mr. Drake, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, in the borough of Muncy, in the county of Lycoming.

Congregation, families 60, adults 130, children 65, total 195; baptisms, infants 2; confirmed 6; communicants, added 4, died or removed 6, present number 87; marriages 3; burials 10; public services, on Sundays 60; other days 50; total 110; children catechised in the Sunday school; Sunday schools, male teachers 2, female teachers 9, male pupils 15, female pupils 44, total teachers 11, pupils 59; collections, Episcopal fund \$4 55, Convention fund \$8 08, Soc. Adv. \$3 35, Missionary \$21 59, Christmas fund \$8 73, other purposes \$9 73, total \$56 03.

Services additional to the above, have been held at Hughesville 10; Hicksville 24; Lairdsville 2; Webster's 2; at Milton 1; at Wilkesbarre 1; at Schuylkill Haven 2; where I also baptized a child. These were Sunday services. Week day services have been held at three places. The Holy Communion has been administered in the Parish ten times, seven times in the Church and three times in private to the sick and infirm. The days of the national fast and of public thanksgiving, of the Nativity and its eve, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, were observed by their appropriate services.

The Ladies of the Parish, during the past year, were zealously engaged in preparations to have a sale. This they did, and realized the sum of \$250 00. The amount, together with a donation of \$50 00, from a benevolent lady of the South, on a visit to her friends in the Parish, they have placed at interest, until they have funds sufficient to buy or build a house for the Rector, that he may "acquire a *home* feeling among them, by seeing that he has a *home*."

In accordance with the resolution of the last Convention, it is added, that there is no *real* estate owned by the parish, other than the Church building and lot, and a separate parcel of ground for burial purposes: that the Church property is free from incumbrance; that the amount pledged to the Rector for the last year, was \$289 00, and the amount in arrears is \$11 00.

Our Sunday school and parish have suffered by recent removals of families and members of families. The places occupied by them in the Sunday school remain yet to be filled.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 4, children 20, total 24; confirmed (at a special confirmation) 6; marriages 15; funerals 16; being the smallest number of burials I have ever attended in a year, during my whole ministry;

public services, every Sunday in the year but two—when the Church was closed for the building of a new vestry-room, erected and furnished at the expense of a kind female parishioner; on other days 75; the Holy Communion has been publicly celebrated 16 times; and several times in private, administered to the sick; the children were catechized on the Sundays in Lent, as usual, after evening service; the communicants are about 300 in number; collections, for the Advancement Society \$954 70, Christmas fund \$56 30, Convention fund \$50, for the Poor, on Thanksgiving day, \$135 63, Episcopal fund \$150, total \$1346 63.

Besides this amount, about \$2,500 have been given for various purposes of religion and charity, parochial and general.

The property of the parish, other than the Church building and the ground upon which it stands, is a cemetery with vaults on the north side of the edifice, on 10th street; another cemetery in 13th street, above Arch street; and three lots at the S. W. corner of 13th and Cherry streets, which are disposed of on a ground rent of \$420, per annum. The parish owns also a rich set of communion plate, some of the vessels being of silver and some golden, numbering in all seventeen pieces; of these, two silver alms-basins, and two silver patens, overlaid with gold, have been presented within the last year, by the same warm-hearted Christian lady referred to above.

Besides these properties, the Church has, as was reported last year, a reversionary right to one-tenth part of a large residuary portion of the fortune of the late Edward Shippen Burd, Esquire.

The *indebtedness* of the parish amounts to \$8,400. But it has been relieved of this incumbrance by the generosity of a female member of the parish, who has taken upon herself the whole responsibility of paying the interest upon the same. This truly liberal arrangement commences from the 25th of March last; and is pledged for three years from that date. So that we may be said to owe nothing at present.

The Rector's salary is at the rate of \$2,500 per annum, and is always punctually paid on the very day it becomes due.

In pecuniary, and all temporal matters, St. Stephen's Church enjoys great prosperity. May it be enriched, in the same proportion, with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus.

Report of the Rev. G. A. Durborow, Rector of the Parish of the Church of the Redemption, in Spring Garden, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregations, families, over 90; baptisms, adults 7, infants 53, total 60; confirmed 18; Communicants, added 24, died or removed 12, present number 73, communion administered 12 times; marriages 18; burials 51; public services, on Sundays 131, other days 17, total 148; children catechized, monthly; Sunday school, male 1: teachers 19; pupils, near 200; Bible classes 1, members 9.

Throughout the past year the Divine blessing has rested on, and given success to my labours.

I hope the time will soon come when the Church will be finished, and consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. Then I will be enabled to visit more from house to house, and I trust, be the means of bringing many to the Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

By a resolution of the last Convention it is made my duty to state the amount of salary promised and received. Salary promised \$400; received but \$341; the vestry having been disappointed in receiving aid from sources, whence they confidently expected it.

By the advice of some valued friends, I was induced in March last, to commence a *Parish School*. Its success has exceeded my expectations, and it must prove an invaluable blessing to this neighbourhood, where but few families can be induced to erect the family altar. By means of this school more than 60 children are brought under a daily religious influence, and are taught the accents of prayer and praise to their great Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. The school is under the charge of a young lady, a *communicant* of the Church. We ask a continuance of the Divine blessing, in this endeavour to bring up the young in the way they should go.

Report of the Rev. Jos. I. Elsegood, Rector of the Parish of Christ Church in Danville, in the county of Montour.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants 14, total 15; confirmed 2; communicants, added 8; died 2; present number 66; marriages 6; burials 10; public services, on Sundays, 86; other days, 39; total 125; children catechised weekly in Sunday school; Sunday school 1; male teachers 4; female teachers 9; pupils 85; collections, Episcopal fund \$6 29; Convention fund 4 46; Bishop White Prayer Book Society 6 00; Christmas fund 5 70; P. E. Tract Soc. 3 50; Sunday school, Missionary and other purposes, 107 67; total \$133 62½.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, none.

Indebtedness of the church of the parish, none.

Amount of salary which the rector is entitled to receive, \$500.

Deficiency in payment, none.

It is truly gratifying to the rector to be able to report, that his parish is in a most prosperous condition, temporal and spiritual. The anticipation, expressed in his last report, has, in a good degree, been realized, and he fervently prays that it may continue to be yet more and more.

The rector would also report, that at St. James' Church, Derry, he has held service and preached, once in two weeks; and that the prospects here are very encouraging. He regrets that he has not been able to give more of his time and attention to this interesting parish. A faithful missionary would here find sufficient labor to engage his whole time. Communicants, added, 1; present number, 22; baptisms, infants, 2; died, 2. A little over \$100 have been raised during the year, and ap-

propriated to the payment of certain small debts which were yet remaining against the church building.

The rector would also report that, during the year, he has held occasional services, and preached at Mooresburg, a village, six miles distant from Danville.

† Report of the Rev. Rees C. Evans, City Missionary.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 11; total 13; marriages 2; burials 15. Administered the Holy Communion to the sick and dying, 11 times. Visits to the sick and distressed, 333. In addition to which he has assisted the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

Report of the Rev. Geo. G. Field, Rector of the Parish of Emmamel Church, Holmesburg, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 46; adults 120; children 68; total 194; baptisms, adults 6; infants 32; total 38; confirmed 1; communicants, added 9; died or removed 3; present number 60; marriage 1; burials 4; public services, on Sundays, 102; other days, 82; total 184; children catechised monthly in the Sunday school; Sunday school 1; teachers 12; pupils 124; Bible Classes 2; members 13; collections, Episcopal fund \$4 18; Convention fund 4 22; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 35; Church of the Mediator, Philad., 20; Swedes' Church, Chicago, 35; foreign missions 15; domestic missions 101; Jews 2; Minnesota 5; Floating Church, Philad., 5; Christmas fund 17 32; other purposes 155 43; total \$399 15.

Besides the sacred building, the Sunday school house, and the enclosure in which they stand; the parish does not own any property.

The Church of the parish is free from all indebtedness. The salary of the clergyman is \$400, is paid quarterly, and is not in arrear. In addition to which he receives the income of what is called the parsonage fund, which amounts to \$40 per annum.

The Sunday school building, spoken of in the last report as commenced, was completed in the course of the summer, and, as was expected, has contributed not a little to the efficiency of the school.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Flint, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's church, Erie, in the county of Erie.

Congregation, families 95; adults 210; children 225; total 435; baptisms, adults 4; infants 17; total 21; confirmed 20; communicants, present number 84; marriages 6; burials 15; public services, on Sundays, 98; other days, 12; total 110; children catechised monthly; Sunday school 1; teachers 10; pupils 50; collections, convention fund \$10; missionary and other purposes 94; total \$104.

The church is not in debt. The salary of the rector is \$800. It is paid, and generally when due; compared with many parishes, the rector in this respect can have no cause of complaint.

Report of the Rev. J. H. Fowles, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 3; infants 64; total 67; confirmed 22; communicants, no longer reported, because they are known to have removed or died, but chiefly because their history cannot be traced, 79; added 46; present number 510; marriages 17; burials, adults 5; children 4; total 9; Sunday school, teachers 69; pupils 789; public services 197; contributions towards religious and charitable objects \$4,247 19. In addition there have been \$3000 subscribed and paid towards the liquidation of the church debt, which, even now, amounts to nearly \$28,000. Great pleasure, however, is felt in reporting, that pledges have been received, and are yet being made, which will insure the entire payment of this large debt in the course of four or five years.

As no report of this church was given at the last Convention, on account of the absence of the rector, the following statistics of the previous twelve months are therefore subjoined:—

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 46; total 48; confirmed 11; communicants, removed or died 27; added 32; total 543; marriages 12; burials, adults 11; children 6; total 17; Sunday school teachers 71; pupils 753; public services 193; contributions for religious and charitable objects \$4,103 62. In addition, \$3000 were subscribed and paid towards the liquidation of the church debt.

Report of the Rev. Kingston Goddard, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families occupying pews, 135. As was the case last year so we have also now quite a number of families attending upon the church generally without being holders of pews. Their number will not in future be reported. Baptisms, adults 2; children 28; total 30; confirmation, none during the year; communicants, added 14; died or removed 11; present number 152; marriages 11; burials 17; public services, Sundays, 105; other days, 101; total 206; children addressed on Collect generally on Sunday mornings; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 19; pupils 260; female 1; teachers 20; pupils 280; total, Bible classes 2; members 30; teachers 41; pupils 570; collections, Episcopal fund \$50; Convention fund 25; missionary and other purposes 3049 16; total \$3124 16.

Church debt—the church building was completed in the spring of 1848, and cost, including furniture, \$25,373 28; the ground in addition cost 10,000; total \$35,373 28.

The present indebtedness of the church, exclusive of the ground rent, is \$12,675 00

Of which the sinking fund holds 2,541 09

Total debt on ground rent \$10,134 00

The church holds in addition to property appropriated for church purposes a lot adjoining on Summer street, valued at \$3000, and has 111 pews unsold, valued at \$24,875. The rector's salary amounting to \$1500 per annum, is punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. J. M. Goshorn, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburgh.

Congregation, families about 25 ; baptisms, infants 12 ; confirmed 8 ; communicants added 6 ; died 1 ; public services, on Sundays, 75 ; other days, 3 ; officiated in Trinity, in the absence of the rector, 20 ; total 98 ; convention fund \$4 ; Soc. Adv. of Christianity 3 ; missionary and other purposes 8 ; total 15.

Report of the Rev. Richard D. Hall.

Baptisms, children 8 ; marriage 1 ; funerals 2 ; assisted frequently on occasions of the holy communion, and preached several times for his brethren. He has complied with the resolution of the last annual Convention respecting infirm clergymen ; and states further, that his inability to discharge fully the duties of the ministry as to assuming the charge of a parish still remains.

Report of the Rev. G. Emlen Hare, Rector of the parish of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 58 ; baptisms, adults 2 ; infants 12 ; total 14 ; confirmed 4 ; communicants, added 9 ; died or removed 10 ; present number about 50 ; marriages 4 ; burials 10 ; public services on Sundays 104 ; other days 18 ; total 122 ; Sunday schools, male 1 ; teachers 4 ; pupils 50 ; female 1 ; teachers 4 ; pupils 50 ; total 4 ; teachers 11 ; pupils 132 ; infant school 1 ; teacher 1 ; scholars 20 ; colored school 1 ; teachers 2 ; scholars 12 ; collections, Episcopal fund \$20 ; Convention fund 8 57 ; missionary and other purposes 222 50 ; total \$251 07.

Property other than the church building and lot owned by the parish, a burial ground. Amount of indebtedness \$250. Salary of the rector \$300 ; salary of the assistant minister \$250. The same are not in arrear.

The church is under great obligations to John Lambert, Esq., one of its members. Through his liberality the interior of St. Matthew's has been re-modelled, and a new and superior organ has taken the place of the former instrument.

Rev. A. B. Hard.

CHESTER, April 15, 1850.

Rev. Mr. Hard,

DEAR SIR,—I am sorry to say, that the state of your health at this time and for many months past, has been such as to preclude the exercise of your professional functions ; and it grieves me to say, that from the severity and pertinacity of your disease I very much fear that you will never be able to resume your public duties.

I am, dear sir, your ob't serv't,

JAMES I. PORTER, M. D.

Report of the Rev. N. Sayre Harris, Rector of the Parish of the Church of the Nativity, in the District of Spring Garden, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, family 1; adults 4; children 45; total 49; baptisms, adults 4; infants 45; total 49; confirmed 11; communicants, added 38; died or removed 28; present number 142; marriages 12; burials 16; public services, on Sundays, 96; other days, 39: total 135; children catechised every Sunday; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 7; pupils 100; female 1; teachers 14; pupils 150; infant 1; teachers 3; pupils 200; total, 3 schools; 24 teachers; 450 pupils; Bible classes, 2; members 18; collections, none, for reasons hereafter given; \$200 dispensed in alms or other devotions; amount of indebtedness on the church edifice \$8000; salary \$1000 per ann. and ground rent of rectory (\$100) fully and promptly paid.

The financial condition of the church within the past year became so critical as to call forth strenuous efforts on the part of its friends to keep it from passing out of their hands. After doing all that was possible within the parish, an appeal was made to the members of our sister churches in the city, the response to which thus far has been encouraging. The contributions heretofore made are contingent upon the raising of the whole sum (\$8000) required to free the church from debt. The recommendation of the last Convention to bring the subject of more ample free sittings before the congregation, has not been neglected. We hope the time will come when the incubus of debt will be removed, and the additional qualification enjoyed of sharing the privileges of our sanctuary with the poor and the stranger.

Accommodations for the infant school have been provided in the basement of the rectory—fitted up for the purpose through the liberality of friends within and without the parish. The congregation has steadily increased, and the prospects of the church, derived from its position, become daily brighter.

Report of the Rev. S. Hazlehurst, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, in the District of Richmond, Philadelphia county.

Congregation, families 68; adults 136; baptisms, infants 14; communicants, added 14; died 1; total 38; marriages 2; burials 10; public services 102; other days, 40; total 142; children catechised several times; Sunday school, teachers 10; pupils 110; for want of a suitable teacher, we have been without any infant class, which will account for our not numbering as many children as the year previous.

A class has been prepared for some time for confirmation, but not having received a visit for the past year from the Bishop, we are not able to report the administration of this rite.

Although our attendance at public worship is not large, yet have we much cause for encouragement in the spiritual blessing with which God has been pleased to visit us. Our number of communicants have been almost doubled, having increased from 20 to 38; and the feeling general in our little band, is of a highly encouraging character.

In temporal things, our church is not in as encouraging a condition as two years since. This may be accounted for from the fact of its being no longer a new undertaking; a deplorable prostration in the coal business during the year, and the prevailing epidemic. However, our church is still free from debt; and I trust the day is not far distant, when we shall be in a condition to assist others.

The collections throughout the year, have been devoted to the current expenses of the church, with the exception of 10 dollars contributed to the Bishop White Prayer Book Society.

Report of the Rev. H. T. Hiester.

The undersigned reports that during the past year he has performed no other services than those of occasionally assisting and relieving his clerical brethren in places where he has been temporarily sojourning; but desires to acknowledge his gratitude to Divine Providence for such restoration of health as may fit him for more active and useful labours for the future.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, in Kittanning, in the county of Armstrong.

Baptisms, infants 14; communicants added 8; died or removed 3; present number 68; marriages 3; burials 4; public services on Sundays 48; other days 12; total 60; children catechised 25; times 6; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 4; pupils 26; female 1; teachers 8; pupils 44; schools 2; teachers 12; pupils 70; Bible classes 2; members 27; collections, Convention fund \$4 04; Soc. Adv. of Christianity 11; Christmas fund 3 57; missionary and other purposes 93 15; total \$111 76.

The prospects of this congregation are very encouraging. Our services are well and devoutly attended; and considerable zeal is manifested, not only for the external prosperity of the parish, but also for its growth in grace, and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. The ladies by their industry hope to realize sufficient to accomplish some laudable improvements about the building. Our vestry have also contracted for the building of a handsome and substantial fence around the church. These improvements, when completed, will render our church as comfortable as could be desired.

This parish owns no property except the church, and the lot on which it stands. The whole amount of indebtedness of the parish is about two hundred and fifty dollars.

The amount of salary promised the rector is two hundred dollars per annum. This arrangement was entered into on the first of November, 1847, since which time the arrearages are one hundred dollars.

TRINITY CHURCH, FREEPORT.

Baptisms, infants, 7; communicants added 4; present number 59;

confirmed 4; marriage 1; public services on Sundays 48; other days 7; total 55; children catechised 15; times 6; Sunday school 1, male and female; teachers 8; pupils 58; Bible class 1; members 15; collections, Convention fund \$2 40; Advancement Society 4 68; Christmas fund 6 98; missionary and other purposes 225: total \$239 06.

The increase of this congregation is but slow. The population is so divided into different sects; the increase of each must necessarily be very slow. But though, during the past year, our cords have not been much lengthened, there is reason to believe, that our stakes have been considerably strengthened.

This parish has no property besides the church; their debt is but trifling.

The vestry is now engaged in an effort to raise funds to enlarge the church. This is not needed for the accommodation of our congregation at present; but the principal object is to enlarge the gallery of the church, and to fit it up for the use of the Sunday school, which has hitherto been held in the body of the church, which frequently renders it very uncomfortable for the congregation. I hope they will be able to accomplish the praiseworthy object they have in view.

The salary promised by this parish to their rector is one hundred and eighty dollars per annum, and the arrearages for the last two years are \$25 75.

Report of the Rev. M. A. DeWolf Howe, Rector of the parish of St. Luke's Church, in Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 215; total 1050; baptisms, adults 12; infants 46; total 58; confirmed 27; communicants, added 56; died or removed 23; present number 362; marriages 9; burials 15; public services on Sundays 104; other days 78; total 182; children catechised 8; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 14; pupils 145; female 1; teachers 22; pupils 217; schools 2; teachers 36; pupils 362. We have also a parish day school, under two teachers, giving instruction to more than 100 pupils. Bible classes 6; members 57; collections, Episcopal fund \$62 85; Convention fund 75; Soc. Adv. of Christianity 113 53; Sunday school and parish library 175; missionary and other purposes 3242 16; total \$3668 54. All that is here reported under the item "missionary and other purposes" is of money that has been passed through the hands of the church authorities, and devoted to strictly benevolent and extra-parochial objects. The rector might report much that he knows to have been contributed by his people, in the exercise of their private personal charities, yet of such benefactions from a generous hearted, open-handed congregation, he does not probably know the tithe. In the fulfillment of the plan by which the church property was last year relieved from debt, nearly eight thousand dollars, (not noticed in the above schedule,) has been given by members of

St. Luke's parish. The rector is informed by the accounting warden, that the corporation has no other property than the church edifice, the lot on which it stands, and the furniture, including organ, communion-plate, &c. which fit it for worship. From the same source he learns, that the property, as well as the corporation, is free from debt. He reports, that his own salary is \$2500, and that the same is paid with entire punctuality.

During the last winter an evening school for young men of 17 years and upwards, was opened and sustained under the auspices of this parish. To it more than 150 young apprentices and laborers resorted. Most of them attended on its exercises with constancy, diligence and profit. They were cheered and assisted, not only by the excellent teachers whom we employed, but by a large committee from our congregation, who, in turns, visited the school every evening throughout the session. We believe the effort has accomplished much good. It has done something to break down the prejudices of class—that now in large cities threatens most fearfully the social peace. It is one of those pioneer attempts to *prevent* ignorance, immorality and crime, which we trust and believe, will lead to the adoption of some comprehensive and efficient measures, conducive to the same benevolent object. It is the proper work of the church and her members. To the civil law it belongs to forbid crime, and punish its perpetration. To the church to elevate, refine, and sanctify human character—to imbue men with such principles and tastes, as will ever prevent their becoming the victims of penal law.

Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, in the borough of Minersville, in the county of Schuylkill.

Congregation, families 20; adults 70; children 40; total 110; baptisms, adult 1; infants 32; total 33; confirmed 4; communicants, added 5; present number 20; marriages 8; public services on Sundays 70; other days 20; total 90; collections, Convention fund \$2 50; missionary and other purposes, \$30; total \$32 50.

Report of the Rev. Geo. P. Hopkins, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, in Bucks county.

In several respects I think we may safely say, the condition of this parish is now more favourable than at any previous period. Stated services have been held in the morning and evening of each Sunday throughout the year. Sunday school numbers about 40 scholars and 6 teachers; infant baptisms 6; marriage 1; burials 4. It gives me great pleasure to state that through the liberality of a beloved member of our flock, we have been encouraged to put up a wall and railing, now in process of erection, in front of the church, which will add both to its convenience and appearance. As to the property and revenues of the parish, (concerning which I am this year canonically bound to make a statement,) little new can be said. The church edifice and lot, on which

it stands, are unincumbered. We hold no other property. The income arising from rent of pews, (amounting to about \$200 per annum,) comprises the salary of the minister received from the parish; and of this there are at present no arrears.

Report of Rev. B. S. Huntington, Rector of Aston Ridge Seminary.

Sermons and addresses at the seminary, about 100, at other places 37; confirmed 11; added to the communion 11; infant baptisms 3; marriages 3; burials 2.

The Divine blessing has attended my efforts in the cause of Christian education in a very remarkable degree, more than half the pupils having been added to the fold of Christ, under circumstances of awakening conversion and devotedness, which give promise of their continuing faithful unto the end, as consistent and active servants of their Master. I earnestly solicit the prayers of all who feel an interest in my undertaking, that the favour and blessing of God may still more abundantly attend it.

Report of the Parish of St. Michael's Church, in Wayne township, in the county of Armstrong,
B. B. Killikelly, Missionary.

Congregations, families 40, adults 108, children 113, total 221; baptisms, infants 15; communicants added 7, died or removed 2, present number 80; marriages 3; burials 3; public services on Sundays 24, other days 2, total 26; collections, convention fund \$3 03, missionary and other purposes \$3 43, total \$6 46.

The list of services above enumerated is rather meagre, owing to my state of health and other circumstances. I have, however, officiated eight times beyond the limits of my parish. In Sugar Creek township last summer, I held service and preached in an ample grove on two occasions, and baptized three children. Here I found several families of Irish immigrants attached to the Church, and very anxious to have stated service. I hope to visit the settlement occasionally, during the present summer.

In St. Michael's we are progressing slowly, but, I trust, surely. A Sunday school and Bible class have just been organized; and when Bibles, Prayer Books, and other books of instruction can be obtained, we may hope for the happiest results from such systematic teaching in a district where it is sadly needed. This parish possesses no other property than the lot on which the Church stands with the burial ground attached, all enclosed and free from debt. The vestry are pledged for a yearly stipend of \$125. This was promptly paid the first year. The second year of service will expire on the first Sunday in August; about one-third of the stipend has been paid.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and St. James' Church, West Marlborough, and officiating in various parts of Chester County.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NEW LONDON.

Baptisms, children 3 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants, died 1, present number 24 ; 1 marriage ; burials 2 ; public services, with sermons, on the Lord's day 26, other days 18, total 44 ; children catechised 8 times ; 1 Sunday school, having 4 teachers and about 20 pupils ; 1 Bible class ; collections, Episcopal fund \$3 07, Convention fund \$1 46, domestic missions \$6 66, domestic and foreign missionary society \$2 83, Pennsylvania Bible society \$1 63, Bishop White Prayer Book society \$2 15 $\frac{1}{4}$, total \$17 80 $\frac{3}{4}$.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, WEST MARLBOROUGH.

Communicants, added 2, removed 2, present number 2 ; public services, with sermons, on the Lord's day 23, other days 2, total 25.

Since the meeting of the last Convention the Church yard has been enclosed anew, and the Church edifice has received some repairs.

The Rector of the aforementioned Churches has likewise officiated at the Chester county prison 25 times, on the Lord's day, preaching on 24 of these occasions, and also once on Christmas day, making 33 visits to prisoners before dismissal, under exercises, or for special purposes, and performing a few other services. At the Chester county poor house, he has preached 24 times on the Lord's day, and once on Christmas day, making 86 visits to the sick or afflicted, unable to attend public service, and, on almost every occasion reading the Holy Scriptures, with prayer, &c. Above Marshallton he has preached at two private houses 15 times on the Lord's day, generally at night, baptizing 2 children, and administering the Lord's Supper in one of these houses to two persons, in a case of sickness. He has preached 4 times on the evening of the Lord's day at a private house, near Doe Run village, and at different Churches and school houses, chiefly during the week, 23 times, distributing many tracts, making 28 visits to the sick and afflicted beyond the precincts of his stated ministrations ; baptizing one child and solemnizing one marriage.

Report of the Rev. Freeman Lane, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church in Troy, in the County of Bradford.

Up to the first of October last, I officiated once and sometimes twice each Sunday. On the first of November last, I tendered my resignation to the vestry ; and have officiated at the Church but twice since. Up to that time the state of affairs in the Parish was very much as it was when I last sent in my report to the Convention. There have been no baptisms, no confirmations, no collections. The Sunday school was very small.

From the Parish I have received, on subscription, about \$75, for my services to the first of November last. But since the first of October

last, I have received much assistance in money and otherwise from friends in and near Philadelphia.

The balance due on my salary, for the year ending, at Easter, 1849, is considerable.

Report of the Parish of Christ Church, Pottstown.

Congregation, families 35; adults 150, children 40, total 190; baptisms, infants 7, adult 1, total 8; confirmed 4; communicants, removed 7, added 6, present number 41; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 77, other days 24, total 101; children catechised 25; times, monthly; Sunday schools 1, teachers 9, scholars 60; collections, Christmas fund \$3 50, Episcopal fund \$4 00, missionary and other purposes \$135 00; total \$142 50.

The Rector of this Church receives \$250. No arrears.

Report of St. Gabriel's Church, Morlattin, Berks County.

Congregation, families 52, children 75, adults 200, total 275; baptisms, infants 16, adult 1, total 17; confirmed 4; communicants, died 1, added 5, present number 65; marriages 3; burials 11; public services on Sundays and other days 65; Sunday schools 2, teachers 14, scholars about 110; collections, for missionary and other purposes \$53 00.

The salary promised and thus far paid is \$150. This congregation holds a judgment, the value of which cannot now be ascertained.

Service is continued at Birdsboro' on every alternate Sunday. The attendance, although not large, is encouraging.

Report of the Rev. Edwin N. Lightner, Rector of the Parish of Christ (Swedes') Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery County.

Congregation, families 35, adults and children 150; baptisms, adults 5, children 9, total 14; confirmed 4; communicants, added 8, died or removed 3, dismissed 1, present number 52; marriages 1; burials 14; public services every Sunday morning and on the principal festivals and fasts of the Church; children catechised almost every Sunday during the summer months; Sunday school 1, teachers 10, pupils 60; collections, Soc. Adv. Christianity \$4 07, domestic Missions \$3 50, Sunday school \$5 94, Schuylkill Convocation \$11 25, Christmas fund \$2 80, other purposes \$22 85.

The Church seems at present to be in a more prosperous condition than it has been for years. The people are more regular in their attendance upon the services of the Sanctuary; and they seem to manifest more interest in the objects and ends for which the Church was instituted. They have lately enlarged the grave yard to double its former size, and there is a disposition to improve the Church edifice;

and if the improvements contempla'd are carried out, there will not be many handsomer Church properties within the diocese.

I think I have neglected to report, heretofore, that since my connection with the Parish, a lot has been purchased, containing near two acres; and a large and commodious brick parsonage has been erected, the site is a beautiful one, it commands a most extensive prospect in front, and in the rear it overlooks the borough of Norristown.

As the Parish is not in union with the Convention, a report of its pecuniary concerns will not be expected.

Report of the Rev. M. C. Lightner, Rector of the parish of St. David's Church, in Manayunk, in the county of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 9; children 79; total 88; confirmed 46; communicants added 58; died or removed 6; present number 129; married 5; burials 42; public services on Sunday 112; other days 47; total 159; children catechised weekly in the Sunday school; Sunday school teachers 39; children about 350; Bible classes 2; members 72; collections, Episcopal fund \$5 50; Convention fund 5; poor of the parish 70 50; missionary and other purposes 111; total \$192.

The parish of St. David's owns no property besides the church building and grave-yard, is out of debt, and the salary of the Rector at present is \$700.

The parish seems to be in a very prosperous condition, and it has been, in consequence, with considerable reluctance, that I have accepted an invitation to the rectorship of Christ Church, Reading. My duties in Reading will commence on the 1st of June.

Report of the Rector of the parish of St. Paul's Church, in Montrose, in the county of Susquehanna.

Congregation, families 26; adults 80; children 30; total 110; baptisms, adults 5; infants 6; total 11; confirmed 6; communicants added 12; died 1; present number 36; burials 4; public services on Sundays 81; other days 72; total 153; children catechised 20; times 8; Sunday school 1; teachers 5; pupils 20; Bible class 1; members 8; collections, Convention fund \$4 38.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEW MILFORD.

Congregation, families 29; adults 82; children 34; total 116; baptisms, children 3; communicants added 4; present number 29; burials 5; public services on Sundays 48; other days 10; total 58; children catechised 25; times 18; Sunday school 1; teachers 6; pupils 25; collections, Convention fund \$3. Services not included in the above summary: officiated in places beyond the limits of my parishes, 20 times; administered the Holy Communion 15 times in the parishes, and once to a sick person in Friendsville; attended 1 funeral

in Pike, Bradford county, and 1 in St. Andrew's, Springville. Two Sundays I was confined to my house by sickness; and four Sundays unable to officiate more than once. During the principal part of the past year my health has been declining; which is generally attributed to the amount of labour and exposure, necessary to a proper care over this extensive field. My feeble efforts, however, have been blessed of Him, "without whom nothing is strong nothing is holy." The prospects of these parishes, and especially of St. Paul's, are more and more encouraging. An effort is now being made to build a parsonage here; about \$600 have been subscribed; we trust the remainder will be obtained.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Tiffany Lord, Missionary, in Crawford county.

Public services on Sundays 72; other times 7; total 79; marriage 1; communicants 10; Holy Communion administered once in Woodcock; assisted the Rev. Dr. Carmichael in the Holy Communion, 6 times.

These services have been rendered in the following places, viz. 10 in Greenville, Mercer county; 15 in Richmond; 17 in Woodcock; 10 in Powerstown; 12 in Vernon; 2 in Waterford, and the rest in Meadville.

My arrangements for the present are one service every fourth Sunday at Richmond in the morning, and at Woodcock in the afternoon, and one service every fourth Sunday in Vernon. There are other points where our services might be usefully introduced did my circumstances warrant me in giving my whole time and attention to the duties of the ministry.

Report of the Rev. Dwight E. Lyman, Rector of the parish of St. Paul's and St. John's Churches, in Columbia and Marietta, in the county of Lancaster.

Congregation, families 15; adults 50; children 27; total 77; baptisms, adult 1; infants 9; total 10; communicants added 2; died or removed 3; present number 17; marriages 3; burials 5; public services on Sundays 92; other days 30; total 122; children catechised twice a month; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 2; pupils 20; female 1; teachers 3; pupils 15; school 1; teachers 5; pupils 35; collections, missionary \$5, and other purposes, 47; total \$52.

The condition of these two parishes remains nearly the same as at the time of my last report. Our energies have all been united in endeavouring to build us a house of worship. The missionary has given a large portion of his time, in order to effect this very important object. He has visited Philadelphia and the parishes within the bounds of his convocation, and raised the funds necessary to carry on the work. A neat and, I may even say, beautiful stone church has been erected and nearly paid for. The remainder of the debt has been assumed by two or three individuals so that we may have the church consecrated. The Bishop

has appointed the day of its consecration, and we expect very shortly to commence services in it. It has been thought best at present to unite the two congregations into one, and thus hold two full services every Sunday in Columbia. The time does not seem to have yet arrived for keeping up a separate congregation and service at Marietta. We think that the prospects of the mission will be much brighter when we get into our new church, and hold two services on the Lord's Day. But there exist still in the minds of many strong prejudices against the church, and it will be a work of time, and require much prudence to do away such prejudices. After the lapse of another year, we shall be better able to speak of the prospects of this mission.

Report of the Rev. T. B. Lyman, Rector of the parish of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, Allegheny, county.

Baptisms, adult 1 ; infants 67 ; total 68 ; confirmed 32 ; communicants, present number about 200 ; marriages 11 ; Sunday schools, male 1 ; teachers 6 ; pupils 52 ; female 1 ; teachers 11 ; pupils 128 ; total, schools 2 ; teachers 17 ; pupils 180 ; collections, Episcopal fund \$80 ; Convention fund 21 ; Society for Advancement of Christianity in Pa., 167 50, missionary and other purposes, 835 ; total \$1103 50. Salary of Rector \$1600 per annum, paid with punctuality.

In consequence of the injury done by fire to the church edifice on the 15th day of April, 1849, the sum of \$9,867 has been expended in repair and improvement of the same, to meet which the corporation has been obliged to obtain on loan for two years from 1st January next, the sum of \$2000, which it is not doubted the parish will be enabled to pay when due, in addition to the current expense of the same, although possessing no other property, than their church and lot, together with a small lot adjoining on which is erected a Sunday school room and house for sexton.

The late Rector, the Rev. George Upfold, D. D., having, on the 16th day of December, 1849, been consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Indiana, did, on the 4th day of January, 1850, resign the Rectorship of the parish, but at the request of the vestry continued in pastoral charge thereof until the first Sunday after Easter, April 7th, when his services ceased, and the Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, late of St. John's church, Hagerstown, Md., the present Rector, took charge of the same.

Report of the Rev. Dr. Lyons.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, Dr. Lyons has officiated eighty times, preached sixty-three times, baptized one infant, read the service at one funeral, and administered or taken a part in administering the Holy Communion thirteen times. *Dr. Lyons' services have always been entirely gratuitous.*

The Report of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro'.

Nothing special to be spoken of in the state of the parish. Communicants 67; marriages 3; baptisms 6; burials 9. The Sunday school is in a fair condition. It would be in a very good condition if the Rector could make some of the teachers more efficient. A Bible class, under the charge of the Parson, meets on every Sunday.

Services are held in the Parish Church twice on every Lord's day—excepting on the fourth Sunday of the month, in the afternoon of which day a service is held on Pine Creek, eight miles distant. Monthly visits have been made to Tioga, 17 miles distant. In the winter a visit was made to Coudersport and Smithport, the county seats of McKean and Potter, which lie west of us. Mansfield has had one service. The neighbouring school houses have had several.

As to salary, the Parson reports—for the year ending in October, it amounted to \$400 *on subscription paper*. Of this \$40 remain unpaid. The compensation for eight months of the present year has been in no higher proportion.

A *Rectory* has been put up, through the liberality of the congregation. It is not yet finished, but will be, it is hoped, in a month. It costs \$1300, nearly all of which has been subscribed. The lot upon which it is erected, is valued at from 400 to 500 dollars and was given by (the late) Judge Morris.

It will only be fair to the congregation to state further, that when their minister is a housekeeper it is their custom to make a *donation visit*, which adds to his resources. The present incumbent has not been in a way to receive more than a subscribed salary, which he has found insufficient to meet needful expenses.

Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of the Parish of Emmanuel Church, in Kensington, in the county of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants 49; communicants added 24, died or removed 20, present number 184; marriages 13; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 102, other days 10, total 112; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 11, pupils 120; female 1, teachers 17, pupils 145, total, schools 2, teachers 28, pupils 265; Bible classes 2, members 28; collections, Episcopal fund \$6 00, Convention fund \$5 00, missionary and other purposes \$323 00, total 334 00.

In consequence of the failure of my health, I have since the last Convention been absent from my pulpit some eight months.

The Parish has of course suffered some inconvenience from this circumstance, as manifested by the fact of there being no confirmation, no catechising of the children, but few extra services, and a decrease in the Sunday school. In the good providence of God, however, the Church has not been closed on the Sabbath during that time but twice. My clerical brethren have throughout this whole season of trial extended to me the most substantial sympathy, by ministering cheerfully; and

very acceptably to my flock. For this their labour of love, both my people and myself feel under lasting obligations to them.

This dispensation of the Lord toward myself has brought one fact to our notice, of a very satisfactory character, viz : the settled and permanent character of the congregation. Though I have been so long absent from my pulpit, yet on my return, I find the flock has not been scattered, but my heart is cheered by the sight of a full Church. May He without whom nothing is strong, and nothing holy, bless us still more abundantly with His presence, and His grace.

Report of the Rev. Edwin Mendenhall, Rector of the Parish of St. John's Church, Salem, Wayne County.

Congregation, families 15, adults 40, children 30, total 70 ; baptisms, children and infants 7 ; communicants, added 1, died 1, present number 24 ; marriages 4 ; burials 7 ; public services at Salem village 55, other places, 12, at Sterling 33, total 100 ; Sunday school 1, teachers 4, pupils 20 ; Bible class 1 ; members 8 ; collections, Convention fund \$3 87½, domestic missions \$2 00, other purposes \$1 50, total \$7 37½,

I superintend the Sunday school, teach the Bible class and catechise the children.

A congregation was organized in Stirling on the 23d of January last, a handsome lot of ground has been secured there, and a part of the materials for a Church edifice are on the ground. We hope to have it ready for consecration this fall. There is a small lot of ground and a parsonage house at Salem : the house is not in a condition to be occupied at the present, for want of repairs. Salary paid \$71 00. Donations received from congregation and others \$60 00.

Report of the Rev. J. A. Merriek, Deacon, Assistant to the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. John A. Merriek, Deacon, reports that he has been occupied during the past year, assisting in part the Right Rev. the Bishop of New Jersey, in the Parish of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, and as a teacher in the college ; and in part the Rev. the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philadelphia.

While assisting the Rector of St. Peter's Church, he administered holy baptism to 25 infants ; assisted in the ministration of the Holy Communion 67 times ; otherwise in Divine service 447 times ; items included in the Rector's report—visits to the poor, sick, and impotent people of the parish 53 ; sermons preached 33.

In addition to these his personal services, by assisting his brethren, supplying vacant parishes, and acting in the capacity of missionary deacon, he has baptized 3 infants ; assisted in ministration of holy eucharist 25 times ; otherwise in divine service 92 times ; married 5 ; buried 5 ; visits to the poor, sick, and impotent 236 ; sermons, lectures and homilies 47.

In all, holy baptism 29 ; assisted in the holy communion 92 times ; otherwise in divine service 334 times ; marriages 5 ; burials 5 ; total 965 ; discourses and homilies 80 ; pastoral and missionary visits 289.

In terminating his present connection with the diocese he records with thankfulness that he has been enabled to minister the office of a Deacon in every particular prescribed by the ordinal and service book of the Holy Communion.

Report of the Rev. Edward Meyer, Rector of the Parish of Bangor Church, in Churchtown, in the County of Lancaster.

Congregation, families 40, adults 90, total, about 180 ; baptisms, infants 1 ; confirmed 2 ; communicants, present number 30 ; marriages 2 ; burials 10 ; public services, on Sundays 80, other days 25 ; total 105 ; children catechised 11 times ; Sunday schools 2, teachers 7, pupils about 50 ; collections, Episcopal fund \$10 48, Convention fund \$5 00, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$18 75, Missionary and other purposes \$147 13, total \$181 36.

The number of confirmations reported is small ; the Bishop's visit took place within only about one month after the Rector's labours in the parish commenced.

In addition to the parish at *Churchtown*, the undersigned has had charge of the Missionary station at "*Spring Grove*," where he has generally officiated on Sunday afternoons and some few times in the week. The attendance there (though mainly composed of persons not belonging to our Church,) has been pretty regular ; and although we have no expectation of attaching them permanently to our communion, yet we trust, that some good has been effected, in instructing them in the truth of the Gospel, and directing their attention to the one thing needful.

At *Bangor Church* the attendance has been fluctuating, though on the whole, good. Something has been done for the Missionary and other benevolent operations of the Church ; and we hope soon to make some arrangement to liquidate the balance of our Church debt.

For more than *three months*, during the past fall and winter, the Rector was disabled from active duty by sickness ; but he gratefully acknowledges his great obligations to the Rev. Dr. Bull, the former venerable Rector of the parish, who kindly, and at great inconvenience to himself, supplied his pulpit, and previous to his admission to priest's orders, always administered the Holy Communion, which is henceforth to be celebrated *monthly*.

Occasionally, at funerals and otherwise, the Rector has officiated in *German*, reading the service also in that language.

We hope during the next conventional year to introduce a more effectual plan for the supply of means to further the benevolent operations of the Church.

Report of the Rev. George D. Miles, Rector of the Parish of St. Stephen's Church, in Wilkesbarre, County of Luzerne.

Congregation, families 88, adults 208, children 150, total 358; baptisms, adults 2, infants 11, total 13; confirmed 3; communicants, added 12, died or removed 7, present number 89; marriages 1; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 96, other days 22, total 118; I have preached also out of the parish, at Pittston, at convocations, &c., making in all 135 sermons, beside a weekly extempore lecture; children catechised 70, times 8; Sunday schools, general 1, teachers 18, pupils 110, infant 1; teachers 1, pupils 60; total schools 2, teachers 19, scholars 170; collections, Episcopal fund \$15 00, Convention fund \$21 00, Missionary and other purposes \$224 70, total \$240 70.

Foreign Missions \$77 00, Domestic Missions \$25 00, for Bishop Chase Jubilee College \$30 00, Fund for aged and infirm clergymen \$11 00, Seamen's Mission, Philadelphia \$10 00, Bishop White Prayer Book Society \$9 05, Education Society of Virginia \$14 00, Sunday school purposes \$24 00, Communion offertory for the poor \$24 65.

Of the above amount \$36 78 came from the Sunday school penny collections, appropriated chiefly to foreign missions.

In addition to this, the ladies of the parish have raised \$250 within the year, towards the erection of a parsonage; and bought a lot of ground in an eligible situation, in the same street with the Church.

Rector's salary \$700.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PITTSTON, LUZERNE CO.

This Church was organized on the 12th of August, 1849. A vestry has been chosen and a charter obtained from the court. I have preached there nine times; eight times on Sundays, and once on Christmas night. The attendance upon these services has been good; and the prospects are flattering for the building up of a Church, if a missionary can be obtained and assisted by means out of the parish for the present. There are several Episcopal families in the town; and a large body of men in active business, who seem to prefer our services. The place is growing up very rapidly under the operation of the coal trade, and through the works of the Washington Railroad Co. The services have been held in the Welsh Church, which has been kindly offered. A handsome Bible for the desk has been presented by the Misses Conyngham of Philadelphia; and a large octavo Prayer Book; together with seven of the smaller edition, by the Female Prayer Book Society. A ladies' sewing circle has been organized; and some means collected for the benefit of the Church.

Report of the Rev. Daniel S. Miller, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families about 50; baptisms, adults 8; infants 13; total 21; confirmed 20 (from another parish 2, making 22); communicants, removed 3; present number 53; burials 4; public services on

Sundays 65 ; other days 42 ; total 107 ; Sunday schools 2 ; male 1 ; teachers 13 ; pupils 120 ; female 1 ; teachers 11 ; pupils 101 ; total, schools 2 ; teachers 24 ; pupils 221 ; Bible class, members 20 ; children catechised monthly ; collections for Missionary and other purposes, \$350.

The above Report is for about seven months, which have elapsed since the consecration. That we are able to show this result in spite of the many difficulties we have had to encounter is an indication, we trust, that God favors our enterprise. The congregation and schools have been *entirely* formed since the consecration. We have suffered much inconvenience from the insufficiency of the furnaces, and some imperfection in the building, both of which will be remedied this summer.

The church is free from debt. The cost of the building was defrayed prior to the opening. A considerable expenditure since incurred for furniture and other indispensable things has been recently liquidated by the liberality of some of our friends. There is nothing against the church, but the ground rent and ordinary expenses.

Its spiritual condition, and the interest and zeal manifested throughout the congregation, are highly satisfactory.

The Rector's salary is \$1000. It is improbable, however, that the church will be able to pay anything this year. The portion already due has been raised from other sources and paid.

Prior to the consecration of St. Jude's church, I was engaged in duties as heretofore reported, in which I preached 25 times ; read prayers 18 times ; Communions 4, beside other services.

Report of the Rev. Geo. Mintzer, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, Perkiomen, in the county of Montgomery.

Congregation, families 56, adults 200 ; children 160 ; total 360 ; baptisms, adult 1 ; infants 4 ; total 5 ; communicants added 4 ; died 3 ; present number 84 ; marriages 3 ; burials 8 ; public services on Sunday 52 ; other days 10 ; total 62 ; children catechised 10 ; times 2 ; Sunday schools, male 1 ; teachers 4 ; pupils 30 ; female 1 ; teachers 6 ; pupils 24 ; total, schools 2 ; teachers 10 ; pupils 54 ; collections, Episcopal fund \$4 47 ; Convention fund 4 ; Missionary and other purposes 20 ; total \$28 47.

Report of the Rev. H. E. Montgomery, Rector of All Saints' Church, Moyamensing.

Communicants about 145 ; baptisms, infants 89 ; adults 6 ; total 95 ; confirmed 16 ; marriages 30 ; burials 55 ; public services on Sundays 104 ; other days 80 ; total 184 ; Sunday schools and Bible classes, scholars about 250 ; teachers 22 ; collections at the offertory and in private for the poor, \$149 33 ; Sunday school missionary collection, 46 50 ; thanksgiving collection for seamen, 7 67 ; Convention fund, 5. Rector's salary 800 per annum ; no arrears.

The Rector takes great pleasure in acknowledging the valuable services of the Rev. Jno. K. Murphy on various occasions of public worship.

Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, D. D., late Rector of the Parish of Christ Church, Reading.

Congregation, families 69 ; adults 228 ; children 100 ; total 328 ; baptisms, adults 2 ; infants 20 ; total 22. There are at present several persons "ready and desirous to be confirmed," but prevented by the Bishop's visitation being necessarily deferred. Communicants added 10 ; died 3 ; removed 6 ; stricken from the list for non-attendance 4 ; present number 98 ; marriages 8 ; burials, adults 9 ; children 5 ; total 14 ; public services on Sundays 102 ; other days 78 ; total 180 ; collections, Board of Missions \$95 ; Schuylkill Convocation for church extension 37 50 ; for missions 30 ; for expenses 17 ; Christmas fund 14 50 ; Benevolent Society for the relief of the poor 57 ; for church building 105 ; for parochial purposes 360 ; total \$716.

The Sunday School, located in the southern part of the city, continues in efficient operation, imparting instruction, according to the teachings of the Church, and in obedience to its authority. It has a most faithful superintendent and directress, and though a small yet diligent and excellent band of teachers. It numbers at present 5 male and 4 female teachers, and 70 scholars. The children of the parish have been catechised *monthly* by the rector, for the most part of the year.

In accordance with a resolution of the last Convention, I report that the parish is in possession of a parsonage, worth \$2500, on which there is a debt of \$1200. It was purchased by the ladies of the congregation in the year 1838, and by their persevering efforts and industry, the interest on the purchase money has been regularly paid, and the principal sum gradually reduced.

The amount of salary in addition to the parsonage, for the last seven years, has been \$750 per annum, which is faithfully and punctually paid. There have been voluntary contributions by several parishioners, which have been kindly made to the rector and his family, and he feels it due to the interesting ladies of the parish, gratefully to record their attentions, and continued liberality.

On Sunday the 28th of April, I bade farewell to this congregation, for whom I had ministered as rector for 15 years and 7 months.

Having accepted a unanimous call to Trinity church, New Rochelle, N. Y., and received from my Bishop a letter of dismissal, my connexion with my native State and the diocese, where for 28 years I have labored in the ministry, is now terminated.

Report of the Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury; St. Mark's Church, Northumberland; Christ Church, Milton.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, SUNBURY.

Congregation, families 19; adults 59; total 112; baptisms, adult 1; infants 8; total 9; confirmed 2; communicants added 3; died 1; present number 29; marriage 1; burials 7; public services on Sundays 46; other days 55; total 101; Sunday school 1; teachers 10; pupils 50; collections, Convention fund \$5 58; Christmas fund 5; Soc. Adv. of Christianity 4; domestic missions 27 50; Convocation fund 2 50; Sunday school building 19 97; other purposes 39 36; total \$103 91. In addition to these collections we have raised \$101 in the parish towards building a Sunday school-house which we hope to commence this summer. The parish has no other property than the church building and lot, on which there is no debt. The present salary is \$200.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

Confirmed 2; communicants added 1; present number 6; burials 2; Sunday school 1; teachers 5; pupils 25; public services on Sundays 46; other days 8; total 54; collections, Bp. White P. Book Soc. \$2; Missionary and other purposes 21 30; total \$23 30.

Since my last report the church building has been finished and consecrated. I have always expected the growth of the church to be slow in this place. Upon such ground and surrounded by such an atmosphere, we have reason to be thankful for what we have accomplished. There is no property belonging to the parish other than the church building and lot, on which there is no debt. Present salary \$50.

CHRIST CHURCH, MILTON.

Baptisms, infants 3; burial 1; collections, Adv. Soc. \$4 50; other purposes 5; total 9 50; public services on Sundays 14; other days 1; total 15.

Since my last report this parish has commenced and finished a brick church building, at the cost of about \$950, exclusive of furniture. The corner stone was laid by the Bishop on the 17th of July, and the first service was held in the church on the 16th of the following December. \$270 of the cost of the church were received from abroad, \$200 through the Bishop, and \$70 from other friends. The church is already furnished with carpets and lamps, chiefly by the congregation. We also have had presented to us a new surplice, a handsome baptismal font, and Bishop's chair, all the generous and free-will offerings of two young ladies.

We hope to have the church consecrated in July, before which time it will be entirely free from debt. The undertaking to revive this parish has been blessed beyond our anticipations, and I trust its future history will show a growth in keeping with this good beginning. The work of

building the church has been deemed sufficient for so young a parish without any demand for salary. The congregation are willing now, however, to contribute toward the support of a clergyman, according to their ability.

Report of the Rev. H. Morton, Rector of St. James' Church, City of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families about 150; communicants 300; baptism, adults 3; infants 36; total 39; public services on Sunday 100; other days 112; children catechised about 80; Sunday schools, teachers 21; scholars 160; parish schools 2; teachers 3; scholars 130; collections, Episcopal and Convention funds \$322 73; Missionary and other purposes 1662 72; Advancement Society, &c. 313 31; total \$2298 76.

Report of the Rev. John K. Murphy, Missionary in Moyamensing.

The Missionary in Moyamensing, has performed the following duties since the 15th of June last, the date of his ordination. He has baptized 30 infants, 7 in public, "in the absence of the priest," and 23 in private, in danger; solemnized 2 marriages; attended 32 funerals; visited almost daily the sick and poor in the district, in which he has been appointed to serve; relieving them with the alms which pious members of the Church have placed in his hands for that purpose. He has also assisted the Rectors of St. Luke's and All Saints' Churches on 203 occasions of public service, and preached by permission of the Bishop, for several of the clergymen of the city, 16 sermons. He has collected, and instructed, regularly every Sunday morning, a male Bible class of 27 young persons, and has also superintended the Sunday school of All Saints' Church every Sunday afternoon.

Since the first of November he has been engaged by the Rev. Rector of St. Luke's Church, to assist him in public services, an arrangement which has been continued for the ensuing six months.

Report of the Rev. W. B. Musgrave, Deacon, Philadelphia.

During a part of the last Conventional year I was engaged as an instructor in Burlington College, N. J. I have officiated in public services, 83 times; preached 42 times; assisted in the administration of the Communion upon 6 occasions; and attended 2 funerals.

Report of the Rev. S. P. Nash, Rector of the Parish of St. Peter's Church, in Phoenixville, in the County of Chester.

Congregation, families 24, adults 58, children 40, total 98; baptisms, infants 9; communicants added 3, died or removed 1, present number 18; marriages 1; public services, on Sundays 61, other days 4, total 65; children catechised 12; times 12; Sunday schools 1, teachers 9, pupils 120; collections, Episcopal fund \$6 27, Convention fund \$3 73, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$5 71, Missionary and other purposes

\$17 46, total \$33 17. Indebtedness of the Church of the Parish \$1100 00. Clergyman's salary from the Church \$200 00. Clergyman's salary in arrear \$175 00.

Arrangements have been recently made by which it is to be hoped that the debt, which has been a continual barrier to the prosperity of this parish, will soon be liquidated. This, however, will depend, in a measure, upon the aid received from abroad; but we hope, judging from the assistance extended to others, there will be no difficulty on this point, and that the time is not far distant when this Church will not only be clear of debt, but also have its present unfinished edifice made neat and comfortable.

Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of the Parish of St. John's Church, Belle Fonte.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 2, total 4; confirmed 5; communicants, added 4, removed 4, present number 40; marriages 2; funerals 2; public services, on Sundays 105, other days 4, total 109; Sunday schools, teachers 6, pupils 40; collections for Missionary and other purposes \$31 82.

The Parish owns a parsonage, and has been reported "out of debt."

The salary is, the use of the parsonage and \$470 00.

In consequence of sickness, my services have been suspended since the first Sunday of July last; and I have been absent, on leave, from the Parish and the Diocese, during the past winter. The Rev. W. F. Bryant has acted as my substitute since October, 1849. Of the services reported above, I performed 2 infant baptisms, 2 marriages, 24 public services on Sundays and 4 on other days. The rest were performed by my substitute.

Report of the Rev. George L. Neide, Rector of the Parish of the Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families about 50; baptisms 26, (all infants); communicants, added 5, present number 21; marriages 2; burials 3; public services 94 at St. Clair; and in addition, frequent services at other places, in adjacent parts; children catechised 38 times; Sunday school teachers 12, scholars 175.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Herbert Norris, Rector of the Parish of St. John's Church, Cumberland County.

Baptisms, infants 16; communicants, added 5, died 2, removed 4, present number 42; marriages 3; burials 4; Sunday schools, teachers 7, pupils about 30; public services, same as heretofore; collections, Domestic Missions \$100, Episcopal fund \$10, other purposes \$50 40, total \$160 40.

The property of the Parish consists in the Church edifice only. A few hundred dollars (not yet in possession of the vestry) have been collected towards building a parsonage.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Odenheimer, Rector of the Parish of St. Peter's Church, in the City and County of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, about 250; baptisms, adults 10, infants 84, received 1, total 95; confirmed 35; communicants added, or reported for the first time on a revision of the Communion Register 39; died, removed, or omitted on a revision of the Communion Register 74, present number 312; marriages 22; burials 27; public services, on Sundays 108, other days 697, Christ Church Hospital 25, total 830; children catechised, on Sundays and other holy days 21 times; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 9, pupils 91; female 1, teachers 30, pupils 176; infant school, teachers 8, pupils 72; day school, teachers 3, pupils 144; Bible classes 2, teachers 2, pupils 35; catechetical class 1, teacher 1, pupils 22; collections, Episcopal fund \$50, Convention fund \$75, Soc. Adv. of Christianity \$358, Christmas fund \$236 97, Missionary and other purposes \$3943 94, total \$4663 91; special charities, not derived from collections \$443 72.

Rector's salary \$2200; Church debt \$9350; Property, exclusive of Church building and lot, \$9270.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper on every Sunday and Holy day; the daily morning and evening prayer; and the 12 o'clock Litany from Advent to Trinity, have been continued as heretofore; and it is hoped, not without the Divine blessing.

Report of the Rev. Frederick Ogilby, Rector of the Parish of the Church of the Ascension, in the City of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 19; confirmed (one in private) 7; communicants added 16, notified the Rector of removal, or died 5.

Service in Church twice every Lord's day. On the third Sunday in the month three times and the children of the Parish catechised in the afternoon. Prayers in the week every Wednesday morning and on every Festival and Fast. Lectures at afternoon or evening service in the week, during part of the year.

The interior of the Church has been greatly improved. For this purpose, and for paying off debt on past improvements, and purchase of an organ, about \$1300 has been raised. Collections in the Church for the Parish, and general objects of charity \$339 21. Beside this a large amount has been collected in the Parish by private solicitation.

In accordance with the resolution of the last Convention, the Rector would state that the corporation of the Church of the Ascension holds no property "other than the Church building and lot." The lot on which the Church stands is subject to a ground rent of \$240 00 per annum. There is a mortgage upon the Church for \$2000 00; and a debt of about \$1800 00 more, for which the bonds of the Vestry are held by the creditors.

The Rector is entitled to receive \$800 per annum as his salary. The same is not "in arrears."

Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, Bristol, Bucks Co.

Congregation, families 70; baptisms, infants 10; communicants added 5, died or removed 3, present number 82; marriages 3; burials 7; public services, on Sundays 120, other days 50, total 170; Sunday schools 1, teachers 16, pupils 150; collections, Convention fund \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$160, total 165.

Report of the Rev. William Preston, Rector of the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg.

Communicants died during the past year 9, removed 9, total 18; communicants added during the same time 26, present number 216; baptisms 17; confirmations 15; burials 16; marriages 11; Sunday school somewhat less prosperous than last year.

Report of the Rev. A. Prior, Rector of St. James' Church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county.

Congregation, families, about 35; baptisms 1; marriage 1; communicants added 1, total 22.

The above report embraces a period of a little more than 2 months. In consequence of a severe dispensation of Providence, resulting in the fracture of my thigh, I was disabled from preaching or performing any ministerial duties from the 3rd of November, 1849, to the 1st of March, 1850, at which time I was invited to and accepted the Rectorship of St. James', Schuylkill Haven. Since my connection with this Parish, the congregation has more than doubled, and the prospects for the future are quite encouraging. In connection with the Rectorship, of this Church, I have under my care in Pottsville, where I reside, a flourishing female seminary, numbering about fifty pupils.

The congregation at Schuylkill Haven is involved in debt to the amount of about \$1800, to liquidate which the members of the corporation are now making commendable exertions. The salary promised is \$150, none of which is in arrears. The Church owns no property other than the lot on which the edifice stands. Since my last report in 1847, up to the period of meeting with the casualty above named, I have, with scarcely an exception, preached twice every Sunday, besides discharging the usual parochial duties of a parish minister, either in this, or the neighbouring Diocese of Delaware.

Report of the Rev. Chas. W. Quick, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, Delaware county.

Congregation 250; baptisms, infants 21; communicants added 2; died 1; present number 58; marriages 22; burials 16; public services on Sundays 52; other days 26; total 78; Sunday schools 2; teachers 12; scholars 80; collections, Convention fund \$5; Bible Society 8 22; Christmas fund 5; A. S. S. Union 12 50; total \$30 72.

Income of the parish from ground rents \$65. There is no church debt. Salary \$300. No arrearages.

Report of the Rev. James Rawson, Rector of the Parish of St. Peter's Church, in Uniontown,
in the county of Fayette.

Congregation, families 29; adults 56; children 54; total 110; baptisms, adult 1; infants 5; total 6; confirmed 6; communicants added 6; died or removed 2; present number 34; burials 4; public services on Sundays 116; other days 12; total 128; children catechised 12; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 4; pupils 18; female 1; teachers 5; pupils 28; total, schools 2; teachers 9; pupils 46.

Report of the Rev. Mr. Ridgely.

The Rev. G. W. Ridgely reports to his Diocesan, that he has been engaged for the last eighteen months as a general agent of the American Tract Society. During that time he has preached in some one of our Episcopal churches almost every Sunday, in behalf of that Society; and he is happy to say that the enterprise has been almost everywhere favorably received and generously sustained.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

Communicants added 27; died or removed 16; total 180; baptisms, adults 2; children 12; total 14; burials 15; marriages 3; confirmed 11; congregation, families 90; number of persons 500; Sunday schools, pupils 180; teachers 20; collections in the church \$200, and raised otherwise for missionary and religious objects 400; total \$600. With regard to the temporal matters of the church, the Rector is not sufficiently informed to make any report, save only that he receives his salary punctually.

Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Rector of the Parish of Trinity Church, in Easton, in the
county of Northampton.

Baptisms, infants 14; confirmed, none—the Bishop not having visited the parish the past year; communicants added 3; died or removed 9; present number 45; marriages 8; burials 5; public services on Sundays 95; other days 44; total 139; children catechised 25; times 46; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 3; pupils 31; collections, Convention fund \$8 17; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 10; Missionary and other purposes, 195; total \$213 17.

When the present rector took charge of Trinity Parish in 1833, the church was in debt about six hundred dollars, which has been paid off. Since that time there has been expended on the church and grave-yard upwards of one thousand dollars. The congregation have also purchased, and put in good repair the parsonage, worth at least three thousand dollars, and they are now entirely out of debt. The amount of salary it would be difficult to name, as it depends on the pew rent, be it less or more.

Report of the Joel Rudderow, Rector of the Parish of St. Paul's Church, in Bloomsburg, in the County of Columbia.

Congregation, families 86; baptisms, adult 1; infants 19; total 20; confirmed 4; communicants added 13; died or removed 7; present number 97; marriages 9; burials 19—(many of them children with scarlet fever); public services on Sundays 92; other days 13; total 105; children catechised monthly; Sunday school 1; teachers 18; pupils, from 80 to 100; special collections, Bp. White Prayer Book Society \$5 19; domestic missions 10; Christmas fund 3 40; foreign missions 16; Episcopal fund 5 50; Convention fund 8; total 48 09.

The incidental expenses of the church are also provided for by collections in church, as well as charities within the parish; of which, however, there is rarely an occasion for the bestowal. There have also been several collections taken through the parish for charitable purposes, in such a way that no account can be given of them.

There is no property owned by the parish other than church building and lot. There is no church debt. Rector's salary, (raised by subscription, and \$45 more than the last year,) \$445. Arrears (for the last year) about \$20.

There is also a subscription now in circulation through the parish, for the purpose of raising funds sufficient to paint and repair the church, and to build a school-house to accommodate the Sunday school. The ladies have now \$225, the proceeds (with interest) of a fair held in January, 1849, which is to be applied to church repairs; and we hope by the next Convention (1851) to report all as finished.

The parish is in a prosperous and encouraging condition.

Report of the Rev. Peter Russell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk; and St. Philip's Church, Summit Hill.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, MAUCH CHUNK.

Congregation, families 20, adults 60; children 60; total 120; baptisms, infants 16; confirmed 2; communicants added 6; died 1; removed 6; present number 17; marriages 5; burials 6; public services on Sundays 82; other days 17; total 99; children catechised openly in the church monthly; Sunday school 1; teachers 8; pupils 60; collections, Schuylkill Convocation \$18 75; domestic missions 6; parochial purposes 125; total \$159 75.

This parish owns no property other than lot on which the church stands, and is in debt for church building about \$1500.

To the above I would add a word of explanation to account for the falling off in the number of communicants reported at the last Convention. In addition to the loss of seven as aforementioned, there are six others who were formerly numbered with the communicants of this church, but are now included in the parish of St. Philip's, Summit Hill, making a loss of thirteen; but in both parishes there is an increase of

eight over last year ; and had we lost none by removal or death, the increase would have been fifteen in both places.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, SUMMIT HILL.

Congregation, families 12, adults 40 ; children 30 ; total 70 ; baptisms, infants 4 ; confirmed 7 ; communicants added 9 ; present number 15 ; public services 26, children examined and catechised the second Sunday of each month ; Sunday School 1 ; teachers 5 ; pupils 40 ; collections, Convention fund \$4 ; other purposes 5.

The parish was organized the fifth of last November, the congregation purpose erecting a church edifice the coming summer ; the funds having been already collected, including two hundred dollars pledged by the Schuylkill Convocation ; they own no other property than the three lots of ground on a portion of which they intend to erect the church, and which was given them by the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. As to the clergyman's salary no specified sum has ever been pledged ; eighty dollars were paid the rector last year, which is nearly the average amount contributed annually.

Report of the Rev. O. Evans Shannon, Rector of the Parish of the Church of the Crucifixion, in Moyamensing, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, adults 60 ; children 80 ; total 140 ; baptisms, adults 5 ; children 9 ; total 14 ; confirmed 14 ; communicants added 14 ; died or removed 3 ; present number 26 ; marriages 5 ; burials 6 ; public services on Sunday 92 ; other days 24 ; total 116. In addition to these, I have officiated 32 times in other churches. Sunday schools, male 1 ; teachers 3 ; pupils 50 ; female 1 ; teachers 4 ; pupils 30 ; total schools 2 ; teachers 7 ; pupils 80 ; Bible class 1 ; members 30. Salary \$600, of which there is nothing in arrear.

In addition to the amount of salary promised and received, the resolution of last Convention also requires a statement "of the amount of indebtedness of the Church of the Parish," the undersigned would report, that he is unable to say what the indebtedness is, as the vestry are now engaged in the erection of a church. The lot, upon which the church is being erected, is subject to an annual ground-rent of \$129 50, redeemable before the first of March, 1856. The price, for which the erection and completion of the church is contracted, is \$3500, and though at the present time this amount is not all subscribed, yet we hope soon to raise the required amount, and to possess a place of our own, in which to worship the God of our fathers.

The church, of which the above is the report, is a mission church for the people of colour in the southern portion of our city. At first it was commenced with great doubts as to its success, but its continued prosperity has warranted us in taking the steps to which we have referred. May He, who has put it into our heart to begin this good work, give

us grace, and strength, and means, to carry it on, and may He make it a temple, to which many shall resort to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford.

Baptisms, adult 1; children 5; total 6; confirmed 2; communicants about 46; marriages 5; burials 18; public service every Sunday morning; collections, Advancement Society \$5; for domestic missions 40; clergy and widows fund 9 64; foreign missions 5 59; Convention fund 10 22; Episcopal fund 5 70; total \$76 15.

For a series of years past this church has paid its unworthy rector six hundred dollars' salary. The pew rental having, upon an average, amounted to one hundred and sixty dollars and eighty-one cents, the balance has been met principally with the proceeds of property. "Deeded in the year 1724, in trust for the support of Robert Wyman, and to all succeeding ministers at Oxford, Pennsylvania." As a difficulty has occurred during the past year, respecting the paying off of a ground rent, which, it is supposed, will have to be decided by an amicable suit in the Supreme Court, we are at present, more than usually, in arrears.

Report of the Rev. J. Brinton Smith, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, in Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 59; baptisms, adults 4, infants 6, total 10; confirmed 13; communicants added 17; stricken off 1, present number 53; marriages 4; burials 19; public services on Sundays 87; other days 38, total 125; children catechised 8 times; Sunday school teachers, male 3, female 7, pupils, male 24, female 25, total, teachers 10, pupils 49; collections, Episcopal fund \$7 32, Convention fund \$7 32, Missionary and other purposes \$394 24, total \$408 88.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at last Convention, I report, that the Parish owns, beside the Church building and lot, \$13,733 33, in ground rents in the city of Philadelphia; and that it is entirely free from debt. The clergyman is entitled to receive \$800 00, and, to the credit and honour of the parish, I am pleased to say that it is paid punctually to the very hour.

The Rector cannot forbear expressing, in this connection, his gratitude to God, for the hearty co-operation he has ever met with among the vestry and congregation, in his efforts to promote the cause of Christ, and the interests of the Church. It is but justice to say that his people respond to every call, and are unwilling to "come behind" in any good work. During the past year, they have purchased an organ, and they now contemplate the erection of a parsonage, Sunday school building and vault.

The attendance on the services is uniformly large, and there is a demand for pews, to meet which, it will be necessary to increase the number of sittings by the addition of side galleries or otherwise. A Bible

class has been kept up during the greater part of the year ; and the Sunday school receives that attention which it so richly deserves. The course of the Church in this parish is onward and upward. She is becoming better known, and as a necessary consequence, better appreciated and better loved. I rejoice to be able to say that there is a steady work of grace going on in our midst ; and from time to time, in the course of regular services, individuals are found deserting the army of Satan and joining the standard of Christ. The blessing of God has been upon us, and he has prospered us in our work. To his name be the glory and the praise.

Report of the Rev. Joseph H. Smith, Jr., Rector of the Parish of Calvary Church, (the Monument to Bishop White) in the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia county.

Congregation, families 60, adults 90, children 160, total 250 ; baptisms, adults 3, children 37, total 40 ; confirmed 11 ; communicants added 17, died 1, removed 6, present number 38 ; marriages 13 ; burials 31 ; public services, on Sundays 113, other days 69, total 182 ; Holy Communion administered 13 times in public, 4 times in private ; children catechised 113, times 32 ; Sunday school teachers 15, scholars 113 ; collections, Foreign committee \$5 00, Domestic committee \$5 50, Parochial charities \$105 17, Parochial purposes \$531 30.

The resolution on page 51-2 of last Journal seems not to apply to a case like my own, where the salary of the clergyman is derived from another source than the *parish funds* ; and is punctually paid.

Report of the Rev. Richard Smith, Rector of the Parish of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County.

During the past year I have been absent on leave to England. On my passage each way, I held service every Sunday on board, gave Prayer Books, Testaments and Tracts to the sailors.

In London I preached twice, and read prayers, assisted in the Sacrament, and lectured once at the school house.

Since my return I have performed Missionary duty by the request of the Bishop in several places. On the first of November I received a call to take charge of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie county, left vacant by the removal of Rev. T. H. Mitchel. I removed there and have since been labouring in that parish, small and in a feeble condition ; but I am happy to say I am encouraged to hope that we are improving. May the good Lord give us his blessing.

I have commenced extending my labours, 4 miles south and 8 miles east of this place ; having past threescore and two years of my pilgrimage, I find I cannot travel and perform as much duty as heretofore ; but he that does all he can in the service of God, and for God's glory, will be accepted ; the state of the parish at present, I am not able to give all the particulars required, but hope to be able to do so in my next report ; there are at present about 186 communicants. The salary here

is small, but with the grant from the Advancement Society I hope to get along.

The subscribers towards the support of a clergyman have generally been punctual.

I have held public services and preached principally on Sundays, 54 times; assisted in reading prayers 10 times; administered the Sacrament twice; baptized 1 child; married 1 couple; attended 3 funerals; presented four persons for confirmation; made three collections as follows: for Disabled Clergymen \$4 00, Advancement Society \$3 00, Convention Fund \$3 00, total \$10 00.

Report of the Rev. H. S. Spackman, Rector of the Parish of St. Mark's Church, in Frankford, in the county of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 12, total 14; confirmed 14; communicants added 5, died or removed 5, present number 47; marriages 4; burials 13; public services, on Sundays 104, other days 15, total 119; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 6, pupils 44; female 1, teachers 11, pupils 79; infant 1, teachers 1, pupils 40; total, schools 3, teachers 18, pupils 163; bible classes 1, members 18.

Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of the Parish of St. John's Church, Norristown, in the county of Montgomery.

Congregation, families about 100; baptisms, adults 2, infants 21, total 23; confirmations 8; communicants, present number 120; marriages 9; burials 23; public services, on Sundays 95, other days 35, total 130; children catechised once a month; Sunday school 1, teachers 31, pupils 180; collections, Episcopal fund \$15, Convention fund \$5, Missionary and other purposes \$908, total \$928.

The congregation is entirely free from debt, but owns no property "other than the Church building and lot on which it stands:" viz, a plain substantial stone edifice, 50 feet by 84 feet, including tower, which has cost some \$18,000.; standing on a beautiful lot in the central and most elevated part of the Borough, fronting 150 feet on one street, and running back the same width 460 feet to another street. The greater part of this ground is used as a cemetery.

In reference to the *Rectory*, represented last year as in progress, the Rector has to report, that in consequence of the cost exceeding, somewhat, the sum originally contemplated, the Vestry have suffered it to become private property. He cannot but indulge the hope, however, that they will yet, at no distant day, redeem their character by securing this building for the Church.

The salary of the Rector is only six hundred dollars, but it affords him pleasure to say that it is always paid with commendable punctuality.

Report of the Rev. William Bacon Stevens, Rector of the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, in the city and county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 279, adults 774, children 311, total 1085; baptisms, adults 7, infants 31, total 38; confirmed 18; communicants added 56, died or removed 18, present number 563; marriages 23; burials 22; public services, on Sundays 100, other days 30, total 130; children catechised 10 times; Sunday schools, male 2, teachers 20, pupils 194; female 2, teachers 26, pupils 260; infant schools 2, teachers 3, pupils 224; total schools 6, teachers 49, pupils 678; Bible classess 3, members 90; collections, Episcopal fund \$150, Convention fund \$47, Missionary and other purposes \$16,843, total \$17,040.

Indebtedness of the Church \$10,000. Salary of Rector \$2,500, promptly and fully paid.

Report of the Rev. J. A. Stone, Rector of the Parish of Trinity Church, in Carbondale, in the county of Luzerne.

Congregation, families 36, adults 90, children 30, total 120; baptisms, infants 4; confirmed, the parish was vacant at the last visitation of the Bishop; communicants, added 4, died or removed 3, present number 32, not including those at the Missionary stations; marriages 2; burials 5; public services, on Sundays 66, other days 17, total 83; children catechised 20 times; Sunday schools 1, teachers 5, pupils 24; collections, Convention fund \$5 00, Missionary and other purposes \$135 00, total \$140 00.

This report is only from September, 1849, when the present incumbent entered upon his Rectorship. At that time the Parish had been for several months vacant, and was found in a state of comparative depression, having lost, by removal, several excellent and efficient families; these losses have not yet been made up to their full extent. We are often suffering from such losses, owing to the character of the population, which is constantly undergoing changes; in these changes we are sometimes the gainers as well as losers.

The condition of the parish at present, however, is encouraging; an excellent spirit prevails, and all are willing to come up to the line of duty. Peace and unity are within our borders, and we wait in hope for a more extended blessing from on High.

During the past winter, an excellent and commodious vestry-room has been erected, adding much to the comfort of the Rector and the convenience of all. A new fence has also been erected, enclosing the Church; trees have been set out, adding much to the beauty and security of the Church and grounds.

The Ladies Sewing Circle has been reorganized, and its members have entered upon their work with most commendable zeal, and give promise of important aid in support of the Parish. The Sunday school has been reorganized; but, owing to peculiar circumstances, and the difficulty of procuring a sufficient number of teachers, the number

of scholars is yet small. Within a few weeks a new and complete Library has been purchased; in aid of this purchase, we gratefully acknowledge a contribution from the Sunday school of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkesbarre.

The two missionary stations connected with this Parish—"Dundaff and Archbald," are in a prosperous and encouraging state. Service is held once a month at each place; but could services be held more frequently, much more encouraging results would follow. There is great need of a Missionary who can devote most of his time to the station at Archbald; and also aid in establishing the Church in the many new villages which are springing up and increasing in importance along the Lackawanna valley.

Report of the Rev. William Suddards, Rector of the Parish of Grace Church, in Philadelphia, in the County of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 230, adults 580, children 600, total 1180; baptisms, adults 7, infants 30, total 37; confirmed 18; communicants added 30, died or removed 28, present number 510; marriages 21; public services, on Sundays 110, other days 75, total 185; children catechised monthly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 19, female 1, teachers 30, total teachers 49, pupils 384; collections, Episcopal fund \$150, Convention fund \$100, Missionary and other purposes \$3500, towards the Church debt \$5000, total \$8750.

This parish holds no Real Estate beyond the Church Edifice. The cost of the building has been entirely paid. There is a ground charge against the corporation of \$12,800. A sinking fund has been formed which reduces that claim to \$11,200. At the present time an effort is making in the congregation to liquidate, or at least, greatly reduce this amount. Already more than \$4000 has been subscribed, and the general readiness of the members of the parish to respond to the appeals of their Rector with promptness and generosity, induces the belief, that in a short period we shall be entirely free of debt. The salary of the Rector is \$2000 per annum, which is regularly paid.

Report of the Rev. S. C. Stratton.

Though my canonical connection with the Diocese of Pennsylvania terminated on the 7th of March last, when I obtained a letter dismissory from Bishop Potter to the Diocese of New Jersey, I deem it respectful and proper to report the occasional services I have performed since the last Convention up to the time mentioned.

In that time I officiated on 53 occasions, preached 34 sermons, administered the holy communion 4 times, assisted in its administration 6 times, made 3 visits to the sick, also 5 parochial visits by special request, attended 2 funerals, made an address to a Sunday school, and participated in the examination of two candidates for orders, one of whom, at the request of the Bishop, I presented.

Report of the Rev. M. R. Talbot, Chaplain at the U. S. Naval Asylum, Philadelphia.

Since my last report in May, 1849, I have performed Divine Worship every morning, and preached every Sunday in the chapel. I have preached for my brethren 10 or 15 times; baptized 2 children; solemnized 2 marriages; and administered the communion twice.

Report of the Rev. Charles West Thomson, Rector of St. John's Church, York.

Baptisms, infants 7; confirmed 6; communicants added 13; died or removed 11; present number 45; marriages 5; burials 12; public services on Sundays 102; other days 37; total 139; children catechised, 10 times; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 5; pupils 26; female 1; teachers 8; pupils 34; total, schools 2; teachers 13; pupils 60; Collections; domestic missions \$30 44.

In addition to the above statistics, it may be proper to state, that a renewed interest being manifested in the parish, we are now engaged in a thorough repair and enlargement of our church edifice, in order to obtain the necessary accommodation. This has involved us in considerable expense—towards the defraying of which the members of our own congregation have liberally contributed, as well as many of our friends of other denominations; and we hope, if we can find a corresponding liberality abroad, to be able to accomplish our undertaking, with but little, if any debt, remaining on us. This expenditure, and the fact that we are not yet a self-sustaining parish (being indebted to the kind generosity of Grace Church, Philadelphia, for a part of our support) have obliged us to forego, contrary to our desire, the usual collections for church purposes, with the single exception of that in aid of domestic missions, which seemed to present an unusual claim, and the appeal on behalf of which was cordially met. I humbly trust that while the external affairs of our church are improving, its spiritual interests are not entirely at a stand.

In accordance with the Resolution of the last Convention, I would add, that, besides the church building and lot, there is no property owned by this Parish, excepting a Parsonage (considerably out of repair,) and the lot of ground connected with it—that there is no church debt now existing—and that I am entitled, by our present agreement, to a salary of three hundred dollars a year, which has been fully paid up to the last semi-annual period.

Report of the Rev. R. S. Trapier, Rector of the Floating Church Mission for Seamen, in the County of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 30, adults 45, children 52, total 97; baptisms, adults 16, infants 33, total 49; confirmed 23; communicants added 37, died or removed 6, present number 48;* marriages 6; burials

* One *suspended*.—This is the number of *registered* communicants. There are frequently present at the communion, persons who are strangers to me—seamen, whom I see not again, except in a few cases, after long intervals.

3 ; public services on Sundays 104, other days 5 ; total 109 ; children catechised—owing to the peculiar circumstances, the children cannot be catechised in the church ; they are examined in the school-room ; Sunday schools, male 1, teacher 1, pupils 6 ; female 1, teachers 3, pupils 24 ; schools 2, teachers 4, pupils 30.—Sailors' children only being received into the school, of course the number never can be large ; besides that, our space is limited.

The success of the mission, during the past year, the first of our undertaking, has been most encouraging. The attendance of seamen is constantly on the increase ; and in several instances, we have been permitted to behold the results of our labors, in a most cheering manner. Many are now regular worshippers in the sanctuary, who but a short time since, were wholly "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel." Many seamen are now to be met devout participants of the Lord's bounties, who have been notorious among their associates "as evil-livers and profane." They attribute, and with most heart-felt gratitude, the change that has come over them, to God's blessing on the ministrations of our little ark. Led thither by curiosity, they have been near to their Saviour ; and yielding to the guidance of his Spirit, have dedicated themselves to His service. With the characteristic energy and firmness of their class, they are efficient aids to our work.

By means of the seamen to whom I distribute books and tracts every Sunday, a constant supply of spiritual food is sent abroad ; and already, in every part of the world, we are sowing the good seed of the word, to reap an abundant harvest. I trust, in the "last day."

Many seamen whose families belong to our congregation, are thus kept in connection with the church ; and always on their return from sea, they call upon me, seemingly most grateful for the attentions paid to their "loved ones," during their absence. I receive frequent and often most pleasing news from those who are in distant climes, asking for the prayers of the church in behalf of them and theirs ; and on their return they offer up thanksgiving to the merciful God who has watched over them in their perils and wanderings. Each day's experience confirms my *always* strong convictions, that there lacks *nothing*, but faith, zeal, and perseverance on *our* part, to ensure the fulfillment of God's prophetic promise, that "the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto Him, and all the isles of the Heathen shall worship Him." Amen.

Report of the Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of the Parish of St. John's Church, in Pequea, in the County of Chester.

Congregation, families 65, adults 160, children 88, total 248 ; baptisms, adult 1, infants 7, total 8 ; confirmed 1 ; communicants added 2, died or removed 8, present number 46 ; marriages 2 ; burials 13 ; public services on Sundays 63, other days 21, total 84 ; children catechised frequently in the Sunday school ; Sunday school, male 1, teachers 6, pupils 35 ; collections, Episcopal fund \$10 ; Convention

fund 5; for building a church at Columbia, Lan. co. 75; general domestic missions 20; foreign missions 10; Convocation fund 10 93; Christmas fund 3 72, total \$134 65.

In addition, there has been subscribed, within the year, the sum of \$1200 towards building a Parsonage. The property of this church in bank stock and real estate amounts to \$4700. There is remaining a balance of debt incurred in building of the church amounting to \$300. The rector's annual salary is \$500, which is regularly paid.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt, in the City of Philadelphia.

On the 30th of September last, I resigned my situation as Assistant Minister of the Church of the Epiphany, in this city:

During the past year I have performed Divine service on 35 occasions; preached 29 times; baptized 12 children; solemnized 2 marriages; officiated at 7 funerals; met an adult Bible class every Sunday morning, with the exception of about six in the summer, until the first of October; made 159 parochial visits; attended to my duties as Secretary of the "Board of Missions;" and, to the first of April, of the present year, acted as Secretary and General Agent of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Evangelical Knowledge."

Report of the Rev. John A. Vaughan, Rector of the Parish of the Church of the Mediator, in the County of Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2, infants 23, total 25; confirmed 19; communicants died or removed 9; present number 50; marriages 2; burials 12; public services on Sundays 90, other days 3, total 93; children catechised in classes; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 12, pupils 80; female 1, teachers 12, pupils 70; infant 1, teacher 1, pupils 10; schools 3, teachers 25; pupils about 220.

The Communion has been administered three times. Divine service has been held every Sunday during the year, in the Sunday school building. A mission church of stone, to seat 600 persons, is now nearly completed, with the exception of the tower. The church, Sunday school building, and the lot on which they stand are free from all debt or incumbrance. To effect this, and reduce the charge upon the congregation to a very moderate annual tax for the support of the ministry, unwearied pains have been taken by the vestry, and their efforts have resulted in procuring from the benevolent the cheerful donation of about \$11,500. Several hundred dollars are yet needed to complete the tower with its bell, and prepare the church for winter's use. In ministering to the spiritual wants of the south-west portion of the city, this missionary effort has from the first been signally blest.

Report of the Rev. D. Washburn.

From the time of his previous report, the above-named continued as assistant to the Rev. Dr. Howe till his departure for Europe in July. Receiving then authority to preach, he supplied the pulpit of St. Luke's (Philadelphia) till September, when at the desire of his Diocesan he repaired to Lancaster for the temporary relief of the Rev. Dr. Bowman, in the classical department of his parochial schools. The missionary fields of Mount Hope and Safe Harbor being soon committed to his charge, his labors were there exerted until February, when at the solicitation of several gentlemen of Germantown, he removed, with the approbation of his Bishop, to his present location in Philadelphia Co.

HOPE CHURCH, MOUNT HOPE.

Consecrated, Oct. 9, 1849. Built of stone and provided with font, lectern, melodeon, &c. &c., by Mrs. Harriet A. Grubb, at an expense of some \$2500. Baptisms (on Easter Sunday) 9; Sunday schools, male and female 1; pupils, former, 25; latter, 30; total 55. Thus has the liberality of an earnest daughter of the church introduced the Gospel for the poor to many who might otherwise have never heard it. It is devoutly to be hoped that this successful beginning may prove the centre of a goodly influence where English preaching is yet too rarely heard. During my missionary work I have visited Safe Harbor at the mouth of the Conestoga several times, and preached, with our full service, in the Methodist chapel while it could be had by us. There are a few faithful members of the church in Safe Harbor whose prayers and efforts may yet be blessed with consummation, and their children enjoy all the ordinances of grace through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. At Manheim I preached in the German R. Church, and our responsive services, though then *first* heard in that place, were received with a spirit that promises God's blessing on proper efforts for the proclamation of His word. My ministerial work for the year may be thus in synopsis. Baptisms 15; marriage 1; burials 5; Sermons preached 70; public services on Sundays 101; other days 32; total 133.

Report of the Rev. Horatio Hastings Weld, Rector of the Parish of St. James' Church, in Downington, in the County of Chester.

Congregation, families 32; adults 93; children 70; total 163; baptisms, adults 2; infants 9; total 11; confirmed 1; communicants added 4; died or removed 4; present number 25; marriages 2; burials 5; public services on Sundays 103; other days 11; total 114; children catechised 50; times 12; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 2; pupils 24; female 1; teachers 9; pupils 46; total, schools 2; teachers 11; pupils 70; collections, Episcopal fund \$2; Convention fund 2; Parish, Sunday school, and other purposes 69 86; total \$73 86.

The parish owns no property, except the church edifice and yard. It has never been in arrears to its rector. There is a debt of \$400 upon

the church, upon which interest is paid annually, and this charge, together with the rector's salary (\$200) and other expenses, more than absorb the rental of a church which contains only 28 pews. Resort is had to collections and subscriptions to make up the deficiency. During the past year sheds for horses have been built, and other improvements made, and a musical instrument has been purchased, the expenses of which (about two hundred dollars) have been defrayed by subscription. The congregation is uniformly good, but the limited accommodations preclude increase of revenue; as many persons frequent the church, who cannot be furnished with regular sittings, and who of course contribute only to special objects. The church is not in the receipt of any assistance from other churches, or from any missionary fund.

Report of the Rev. William White, Rector of the Parish of St. Peter's Church, in Butler, in the county of Butler.

Congregation, families 45, adults 108, children 80, total 188; baptisms, infants 10; communicants added 2, died or removed 1, present number 54; marriage 1; burials 3; public services on Sundays 100, other days 10, total 110; children catechised, times 45; Sunday school, male 1, teachers 3, pupils 25; collections \$50.

Report of the Rev. F. S. Wiley, Rector of the Parish of Dyberry, Grace Church, in Honesdale, in the county of Wayne.

Congregation, families 57, adults 150, children 110, total 260; baptisms, adults 2, infants 6, total 8; confirmed, none; communicants added 14, died or removed 2, present number 65; marriage 1; burials 6; public services on Sundays 74, other days 42, total 116; children catechised 84, times 7; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 4, pupils 23; female 1, teachers 7, pupils 61, 2 schools, 11 teachers, pupils 84; Bible class 1, members 18; collections, Convention fund \$8, Missionary and other purposes \$792.

The present incumbent took charge of the parish on the first of October, 1849. It is in a state of general prosperity. Our church building is too small to accommodate the families desiring to obtain seats; this is a serious drawback on our increase. We shall soon be obliged to re-build, and look abroad for assistance. During the year we have expended on the church and parsonage \$750.

Report of the Rev. C. Wiltberger, Rector of Grace Church, Hulmeville; St. Luke's Church, Newton; St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville; and Trinity Church, Centreville, Bucks county.

GRACE CHURCH, HULMEVILLE.

Congregation, families 14, adults 40, children 20, total 60; communicants added 7, present number 23; baptisms, infants 3; burials 2; public services on Sundays 30, other days 2, total 32; Sunday school teachers 6, pupils 30; collection, Convention fund \$1 35. Amount of salary the rector is entitled to receive the past year \$56; paid \$19; owing \$37.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, NEWTOWN.

Congregation, families 11, adults 40, children 10, total 50; communicants added 5, removed 2, present number 11; marriage 1; public services on Sundays 30, other days 2, total 32; Sunday school teachers 8, pupils 50; collection, Convention fund \$1 32. Amount of salary the rector is entitled to receive the past year \$49; paid \$21; owing \$28. Amount the parish is in arrears, for past years, to the rector \$48 50.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, YARDLEYVILLE.

Congregation, families 20, adults 60, children 20, total 80; communicants added 2, present number 14; marriage 1; baptisms, infants 2; burials 2; public services on Sundays 40, other days 33, total 73; Bible class, weekly during the winter; Sunday school teachers 3, pupils 36. Amount of salary promised the rector \$31; all paid but \$4. Amount owing on the church building \$229 80.

TRINITY CHURCH, CENTREVILLE.

Congregation, families 9, adults 30, children 20, total 50; communicants added 2, present number 9; public services on Sundays 27; Sunday school teachers 6, pupils 40. Amount of salary promised the rector \$150; all paid.

Report of the Rev. T. Winchester, Rector of the Parishes of St. Peter's Church and St. Paul's Church, Great Valley.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Congregation, families about 30, baptisms, adult 1, infant 1; burials 5; public services on Sundays 50, other days 15; Sunday school teachers 8, scholars about 60; Bible class, members 10.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Congregation, families, number unknown; baptisms, none; burial 1; confirmed 1; communicants, exact number unknown, about 12; public services on Sundays 30, other days 10; Sunday school teachers 3, scholars 10.

Report of the Rev. Enos Woodward, Rector of the Parish of St. Mary's Church, Warwick township, Chester county.

From this church three communicants have been removed by death, the number remaining, about 50; marriage 1; funerals 4; public services on Sundays about 48, week days including associations 10, total 58; Sunday school 1, teachers averaging about 12, pupils about 40; collections for missions, \$10; Episcopal fund \$2; General Convention fund \$2.

PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WEST VINCENT.

The number of communicants connected with this church is about 55, 2 having removed to the diocese of Illinois. Within the limits of this parish I have officiated at about 10 funerals; solemnized 5 marriages, and held about 49 public services on Lord's Day in the church, beside several on week evenings in neighbouring school-houses; Sunday school 1, teachers averaging about 8, pupils from 30 to 40; collections for Chester county prison and poor house mission \$56; General Convention fund \$1 50.

Report of the Rev. James A. Woodward, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester county; and St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks county.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HONEYBROOK.

Baptisms, adults 2; communicants added 4, died 1, removed 2, present number 36; burials 11; public services on Sundays 49, other days 10, total 59; children catechised every Sunday during the summer; Sunday school 1, teachers 8, pupils 40; collections, Convention fund \$2, missionary purposes 11 64, total \$13 64.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, MORGANTOWN.

Baptisms, adult 1; infants 5, total 6; communicants, died 2, present number 57; burials 7; public services on Sundays 50, other days 9, total 59; children catechised in the Sunday school, weekly; Sunday school 1, teachers 9, pupils 50; collections, Episcopal fund \$5, missionary purposes 10 20, total \$15 20.

Report of the Rev. Christopher B. Wyatt, Rector of the Church of St. James the Less, in Penn Township, in the county of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 51, adults 155, children 75, total 230 attending services; baptisms, adult 1, infants 7, total 8; confirmed 6; communicants added 21, died or removed 9, present number 59; marriages 2; burials 5; public services on Sundays 108, other days 164, total 272; children catechised regularly on Sunday by the rector as superintendent of Sunday school, and occasionally in the church publicly; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 3, pupils 25; female 1, teachers 5, pupils 45, total schools 2, teachers 8, pupils 70—also a day school for boys and girls conducted by one male and one female teacher; collections, Episcopal fund \$10 30, Convention fund 10 30, Soc. Adv. of Christianity 11 24, Missionary 53, and other purposes \$736 04.

Total	-	-	\$820 88
Semi-annual contributions for sittings	-	-	201 50

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Report of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia, County of Philadelphia.

Congregation, families 45, adults 116, children 120, total 236; baptisms, adults 4, children 12, total 16; confirmed 11; communicants added 14, died 1, removed 7, present number 96; marriages 7; burials 5; public services on Sundays 102, other days 24, total 126; Sunday schools 8, male teachers 3; female teachers 7, total 10; pupils 134; collections, Episcopal fund \$40, Convention fund \$10 79, Christmas fund 10 78, Bishop White P. B. Society 14 85, Domestic missions 34 72, Premium of insurance for two years upon rector's life 61 47, General parish purposes 205, Parsonage and Sunday school building 2509 48, which includes 410 collected in the city; total \$2887 94.

Church debt \$1644 45.

The rector records with thankfulness the progress which has been made towards the completion of the building for the parsonage and Sunday schools. This building was last fall placed under roof, and so far is free from debt. A portion of the amount necessary for its completion is already subscribed, and we hope to be able during the ensuing summer to go on with what we have undertaken. When it is finished, our accommodations for the Sunday schools will be of a superior kind, while a house without rent being then furnished the rector, his salary (at present \$600 and punctually paid) will be equivalent to \$850. The building here mentioned is a large double house pleasantly situated on the church lot, and so arranged as to give ample room for both of the purposes for which it is designed, while no inconvenience, it is confidently believed, will be experienced from the plan which has been adopted.

Report of Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia City.

Baptisms, infants 35, adults 6, total 41; confirmed 17; communicants added 25, died or removed 10, present number about 400; marriages 26; funerals 30; public services on Sundays 114, other days 110, total 224; Sunday schools, male 1, teachers 12, scholars 80; female 1, teachers 19, children 140; infant school teacher 1, children 120; Bible classes, teachers 2, pupils 42; collections, Episcopal fund \$150, Convention fund 20; Missionary and other purposes 2000. In addition to this, upwards of four thousand dollars have been subscribed since the commencement of the year to the debt of the church, This will leave a debt of about \$9000 to be removed.

The Rector's salary is \$2000 per annum, and is paid regularly.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS
OF THE
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Adams County.

Christ church, Huntingdon township.

Allegheny County.

Trinity church, City of Pittsburg.

St. Andrew's church, City of Pittsburg.

Christ church, Allegheny.

St. John's church, Lawrenceville.

St. Paul's church, Pittsburg.

Armstrong County.

St. Paul's church, Kittaning.

Trinity church, Freeport.

Beaver County.

Georgetown church, Georgetown.

St. Paul's church.

St. Peter's church, Beaver Falls.

Berks County.

St. Gabriel's church, Morlatten.

Christ church, Reading.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown.

Bradford County.

St. Matthew's church, Pike.

Christ church, Towanda.

St. Paul's church, Troy.

Bucks County.

St. James the Greater church.
 St. Luke's church, Newtown.
 St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville.
 Grace church, Hulmeville.
 Trinity church, Centreville.
 St. Paul's church, Doylestown.

Butler County.

St. Peter's church, Butler.

Carbon County.

St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk.
 St. Phillip's church, Summit Hill.

Centre County.

Trinity church, Phillipsburg.
 St. John's church, Bellefonte.

Chester County.

St. John's church, New London township.
 St. Mary's church, Warwick township.
 St. Peter's church, Great Valley.
 St. John's church, Pequea.
 St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township.
 St. Andrew's church, West Vincent.
 St. Mark's church, Honeybrook.
 Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.
 St. Peter's church, Phoenixville.
 St. James' church, Downingtown.
 St. James' church, West Marlboro'.

Clearfield County.

St. Andrew's church.

Columbia County.

St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf township.

Columbia County.

St. Paul's church, Columbia.
 St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg.
 Christ church, Madison, Jerseytown.
 Christ church, Danville.
 Trinity church, Orangeville.
 St. James' church, Derry.

Crawford County.

Christ church, Meadville.

Cumberland County.

St. John's church, Carlisle.

Dauphin County.

St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg.

Delaware County.

St. Paul's Church, Chester.
 St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester township, Marcus
 Hook.
 St. John's church, Concord township.
 St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor.
 Calvary church, Rockdale.

Erie County.

St. Paul's church, Erie.
 St. Peter's church, Waterford.

Fayette County.

Christ church, Brownsville.
 Grace church, Manal-en.
 St. Peter's church, Uniontown.
 Trinity church, Connelsville.

Huntingdon County.

St. John's church, Huntingdon.
 Christ church, Holidaysburg.

Indiana County.

St. Peter's church, Blairsville.

Lancaster County.

St. James' church, Lancaster.
 Hope church, Mount Hope.
 St. Paul's, Columbia.
 Christ church, Leacock.
 Bangor church, Caernarvon township, Churchtown.
 All Saints' church, Paradise.
 St. John's church, Marietta.

Luzerne County.

St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre.
 Trinity church, Carbondale.

Lycoming County.

St. James' church, Muncy.
 St. Mary's church, Jersey Shore.
 Christ church, Williamsport.

Mifflin County.

St. Mark's church, Lewistown.

Montgomery County.

St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh township.
 St. James' church, Perkiomen township.
 St. John's church, Norristown.
 Christ church, Pottstown.
 Swedes' church, Upper Merion.

Northampton County.

Trinity church, Easton.

Northumberland County.

St. Matthew's church, Sunbury.
 St. Mark's church, Northumberland.
 Christ church, Milton.

Philadelphia County.

Christ church, Philadelphia.
 St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.
 St. James' church, Philadelphia.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.
 St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.
 St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.
 Grace church, Philadelphia.
 Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.
 St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.
 Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.
 Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.
 St. Mark's church, Philadelphia.
 Church of the Mediator, Philadelphia.
 St. Philip's Church, Spring Garden.
 Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden.
 Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden.
 Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond.
 St. John's church, Northern Liberties.
 Advent church, Northern Liberties.
 St. Mark's church, Moyamensing.
 All Saints' church, Moyamensing.
 Church of the Evangelists, Southwark.
 Trinity church, Southwark.
 Church of the Messiah, Southwark.
 Gloria Dei Church, Southwark.
 St. Jude's church, District of Penn.
 St. James church, Kingsessing.
 St. Matthew's church, Francisville.
 St. James the Less church, North Penn township.
 All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township.
 Emmanuel church, Holmesburg.
 Trinity church, Oxford township.
 St. Mark's church, Frankford.
 St. Luke's church, Germantown.
 St. Mark's church, Mantua, Blockley township.
 Emmanuel church, Kensington.
 St. Bartholomew's church, Kensington.
 Zion church, South Penn Township.
 St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia.
 St. David's church, Manayunk.

Schuylkill County.

Trinity church, Pottsville.
 St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven.
 St. Paul's church, Minersville.
 Zion church, Tuscarora.
 Church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair.
 Calvary church, Tamaqua.

Susquehanna County.

St. Andrew's church, Springville.
 St. Mark's church, New Milford.
 St. Paul's church, Montrose.

Tioga County.

St. Paul's church, Wellsborough.
 Christ church, Blossburg.

Washington County.

Trinity church, Washington.

Wayne County.

Grace church, Honesdale, Dyberry Parish.
 Truth church, Bethany.
 St. John's church, Salem.

Westmoreland County.

Christ Church, Greensburg.

York County.

St. John's Church.

LIST OF THE CLERGY
OF THE
DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Right Rev. ALONZO POTTER, D.D., LL.D., Bishop, Philadelphia.

Adderly, William, missionary at Fallston, Georgetown, and St. Paul's, Beaver county.

Allen, Thomas G., missionary in the city and county of Philadelphia.

Bean, Henry H., rector of St. Martin's Marcus Hook.

Beaseley, Frederick W., rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, and Christ chapel, Oak Grove. P. O. Bridgewater, Bucks county.

Beatty, Archibald, minister of Zion church, Tuscarora, and Calvary church, Tamaqua, Schuylkill county.

Bonnar, James, B. D., Assistant in the Protestant Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

Bourns, William H., minister of St. John's church, Huntingdon.

Bowman, Samuel, D.D., rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

Boyd, George, D.D., rector of St. John's church, N. Liberties, Philadelphia.

Breck, Charles, rector of Calvary church, Rockdale, and St. John's, Concord, Delaware county. P. O. Rockdale.

Bryant, William F., missionary in Mifflin county. P. O. Lock's Mills.

Buchanan, Edward Y., rector of Christ church, Leacock, and

All Saints' church, Paradise, Lancaster county. P. O. Paradise.
Bull, Levi, D.D. P. O. Marsh, Chester county.

Byllesby, De Witt Clinton, minister of St. Matthew's church,
Pike, Bradford county, and missionary at Cherry, Sullivan
county.

Carmichael, William M., D.D., rector of Christ church, Mead-
ville, Crawford county.

Childs, John A., rector of St. David's church, Radnor, Dela-
ware county.

Clark, Samuel A., rector of the church of the Advent, N. Lib-
erties, Philadelphia.

Clark, Wm. J., rector of Christ church, Williamsport, Lycom-
ing county.

Clay, Jehu C., D.D., rector of the Swedes' church, (Gloria Dei,) Southwark.

Clements, Francis B., deacon, assisting the rector of St. Ann's,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Clemson, J. B., rector of the church of the Holy Trinity, West-
chester, Chester county.

Clotworthy, William, missionary in Carbon and Luzerne
counties. C. O. White Haven, Luzerne Co.

Coit, J. Howland, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg.

Coleman, John, D.D., rector of Trinity church, Philadelphia.

Cooley, Wm. C., rector of Trinity church, Pottsville.

Cooper, Charles D., rector of St. Philip's, Philadelphia.

Cowell, Samuel, rector of Christ church, Brownsville.

Crumpton, Thomas, rector of Christ church, Allegheny. P. O.
Pittsburg,

Davis, Robert, residing in Philadelphia.

Davis, Thomas J., rector of the Church of the Resurrection,
Rising Sun Village, Philadelphia county.

Diehl, Wm. N., missionary at Whitmarsh, Montgomery co.
P. O. Germantown.

Dorr, Benj., D.D., rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

Douglass, Benj. J., deacon, assistant minister in St. Matthew's
church, Francisville.

Douglass, Jacob M., rector of Zion church, Philadelphia.

Douglass, Wm., rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

Downing, J. G.

Drake, G. C., rector of St. James' church, Muncy.

Ducachet, Henry W., D.D., rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

Dupuy, Charles M., residing in Philadelphia.

Durborrow, George A., rector of the church of the Redemption, Spring Garden, Philadelphia.

Dyer, Heman, D.D.

Elsegood, Joseph J., rector of Christ church, Danville.

Evans, Rees C., missionary, Philadelphia.

Field, G. C. rector of Emmanuel church, Holmesburg.

Flint, William, M. D., rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, Erie county.

Fowles, James H., rector of the church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Goddard, Kingston, rector of the church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.

Good, Caleb I., Westchester.

Goshorn, John M., minister of St. Paul's church, Citsburg.

Hall, Richard D., residing in Philadelphia.

Hard, Anson B. P. O. Chester.

Harris, Nathaniel Sayre, rector of the church of the Nativity, Spring Garden.

Hare, G. Emlen, D.D., rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county, and principal of the Protestant Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia.

Hazlehurst, Samuel, rector of the church of the Messiah, Port Richmond, Philadelphia county.

Hiester, Henry T. Post Office, Chester Springs.

Hilton, William J., rector of St. Paul's, Kittanning, and Trinity church, Freeport, Armstrong county, C. O. Kittanning.

Hinds, William S., residing in Philadelphia.

Hirst, Marmaduke, missionary in Minersville, Schuylkill co.

Hoffman, C. C., missionary in Africa.

Hooker, Herman, D.D., residing in Philadelphia.

Hopkins, George P., rector of St. Paul's, Doylestown, and missionary in parts adjacent, Bucks county.

Howe, M. A. De Wolfe, D.D., rector of St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.

Huntington, Benjamin S., Village Green, Delaware county.

Jackson, William J., assistant minister at St. Mark's church, Philadelphia Co.

Jacquett, Joseph, teacher of Hebrew, residing in Philadelphia.

Jones, Edward C., missionary at Blockley Alms House, Philadelphia.

Jones, N. M., rector of St. Bartholomew's church, Philadelphia county.

Kerr, John J., Kensington.

Killikelly, Bryan B., D.D., rector of St. Michael's church, Wayne township, Armstrong county. P. O. Kittanning.

Kirke, George, minister at New London & Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county. P. O. Downingtown, Chester county.

Lane, Freeman, Troy, Bradford county,

Leaf, Edmund, rector of Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, and St. Gabriel's church, Douglassville, Berks county.

Lightner, Edwin N., rector Christ (Swedes) church, Upper Merion, Montgomery county. P. O. Norristown.

Lightner, Milton C., rector of Christ church, Reading.

Long, John, rector of St. Paul's church, Montrose, and St. Mark's, New Milford, Susquehanna county.

Lord, Samuel T., residing at Meadville, and missionary in Crawford county.

Lyman, Dwight E., rector of St. Paul's church, Columbia, and missionary at Marietta, Lancaster county. P. O. Columbia.

Lyman, Theodore Benedict, rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Lyons, James G., LL.D., classical teacher, residing in Philadelphia.

Marsden, John H., rector of Christ church, Adams county. P. O. York Springs.

Marple, A. Augustus, rector of St. Paul's church, Wellsboro', Tioga county.

Maxwell, John Gordon, rector of Emmanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

Mendenhall, Edward, missionary at Salem, Wayne county, and parts adjacent.

M'Leod, Alexander, missionary in Clearfield county. P. O. Clearfield.

Meyer, Edward, rector of Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county.

Miles, G. D., rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

Miller, D. S., rector of St. Jude's church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia county.

Mintzer, George, rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county. P. O. Perkiomen Bridge.

Montgomery, Henry E. rector of All Saints' church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

Morris, B. W., rector of St. Matthew's church, Sunbury, Northumberland county.

Morton, Henry J., D.D., rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

Murphy, John K., deacon, assistant to the rector of St. Luke's church, Philadelphia, and missionary in Moyamensing.

Musgrave, William B., Philadelphia.

Nash, J. P., rector of St. Peter's church, Phoenixville, Chester county.

Natt, G. W., rector of St. John's church, Bellefonte, Centre county.

Neide, G. L., church of the Holy Apostles, St. Clair, Schuylkill county.

Newton, Richard, rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Norris, W. H., rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

Odenheimer, William H., rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

Ogilby, Frederick, rector of the church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Perkins, W. S., rector of St. James' church, Bristol.

Preston, William, rector of St. Andrew's church, Pittsburg.

Prior, A., rector of St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county.

Quick, Chas. W., rector of St. Paul's church, Chester.

Rambo, Jacob, missionary to Africa.

Ridgeley, Greenbury W., residing in Philadelphia.

Rodney, John, rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

Rodgers, Joshua M., rector of Trinity church, Easton.

Rudderow, Joel, minister of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, Columbia county.

Russell, P., rector of St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk, Carbon county, and missionary in parts adjacent.

Shannon, Owen E., rector of the Church of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia, (a colored mission.)

Sheets, George, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county. P. O. Frankford, Philadelphia county.

Smith, J. Brinton, rector of St. James' church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia county.

Smith, Joseph H., missionary in the Northern Liberties, and minister of Calvary church, Philadelphia.

Smith, Richard, rector of St. Peter's church, Waterford, Erie county.

Spackman, Henry S., rector of St. Mark's church, Frankford, Philadelphia county.

Stem, Nathan, rector of St. John's church, Norristown.

Stevens, William B., D.D., rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

Stone, J. A., rector of Trinity church, Carbondale.

Suddards, W., rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

Suddards, W. L., residing in Philadelphia.

Talbot, Mortimer R., chaplain in the United States Navy, stationed at the Naval Asylum, Philadelphia.

Thompson, C. West, rector of St. John's church, York, York county.

Tullidge, Henry, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Lancaster county.

Trapier, Richard S., minister of the Floating church of the Redeemer, in the port of Philadelphia.

Van Pelt, Peter, secretary to the Board of Missions, Philadelphia.

Vaughan, John A., D.D., rector of the church of the Mediator, and of the Episcopal Female Institute, Philadelphia.

Ver Mehr, J. L., LL.D., missionary to San Francisco, California, in the employment of the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions.

Warner, Francis J., assistant to the rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, and city missionary.

Washburn, Daniel, deacon, classical teacher at Germantown.

Wield, H. Hastings, rector of St. James's church, Downingtown, Chester county.

White, William, rector of St. Peter's, Butler, Butler county.

Wiley, F. S., rector of Grace church, Honesdale.

Williams, C. S., D.D., classical teacher, Philadelphia.

Wilmer, J. P. B., rector of St. Mark's church, Philadelphia.

Wilson, Bird, D.D., LL.D., professor in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Wiltberger, Christian, jr., missionary at Yardleyville, Centreville, Hulmeville, and Newtown, Bucks county.

Winchester, T. W., rector of St. Paul's and St. Peter's churches, Great Valley, Chester county. P. O. Warren.

Woodward, Enos, rector of St. Andrew's, West Vincent, and St. Mary's church, Warwick, Chester county.

Woodward, Jas. A., rector of St. Mark's, Honeybrook, Chester county, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Bucks co.

Wyatt, C. B., rector of St. James the Less, Penn township, Philadelphia county.

Yarnall, Thomas C., rector of St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, West Philadelphia, Philadelphia county.—144.

“The Committee on the State of the Church” report the following table, as embracing most of the statistical information contained in the Episcopal and Parochial reports. Many of these reports are more or less imperfect, so that an accurate view of the Church in all its conditions and operations cannot be presented.

Churches in Diocese,		148
Clergymen connected with parishes,		108
“ employed as missionaries, teachers, &c.,		25
“ unemployed, (mostly invalids,)		11
Total clergymen in Diocese		144
Families, (43 parishes not reporting,)		4689
Baptisms,	{ Infants, 2139 } { Adults, 256 }	2395
Confirmations,		826
Communicants,	{ added last year, 1072 { present number, 9937	
Sunday Schools,	{ Teachers, 1406 } { Scholars, 12251 }	13657
Collections,	{ Convention fund, \$1,011,88 { Episcopal fund, 1,543,85 { Soc’y Advancement of Christianity, 2,480,74 { Missionary and other purposes, 80,156,10	
Total,		\$85,192,57
Ordinations,	{ Deacons, 5 } { Priests, 10 }	15
Clergymen received into the Diocese,		12
“ left “		13
Churches consecrated,		4
Corner-stones laid,		3

Only 14 parishes are reported as in arrears for Rector’s salary, and the whole amount of arrearages does not much exceed one thousand dollars.

WM. BACON STEVENS,

Chairman.

Dr.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

		Dolls.	C.
1849.			
May, 18	To cash paid Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D. } amount of travelling expenses on Epis- eopal visitations for the past year, }	299	50
"	To cash paid Rev. G. W. Natt on account of mileage,	10	50
{ "	" " B. W. Morris,	7	00
"	" " Wm. Flint,	25	00
"	" " C. Wiltberger,	1	00
"	" " Geo. C. Drake,	8	00
"	" " E. Y. Buehanan,	2	00
"	" " Wm. Hilton,	15	00
"	" " Wm. J. Clark,	7	50
"	" " S. Cowell,	17	50
"	" " Wm. White,	16	00
"	" " Geo. Kirke,	1	00
"	" " Edmund Leaf,	2	00
"	" " W. M. Carmichael,	20	00
"	" " Richard Smith,	20	00
"	" " Geo. P. Hopkins,	1	00
"	" " Henry Tullidge,	2	50
"	" " John Long,	12	00
"	" " Geo. D. Miles,	6	50
"	" " John A. Childs,	50	
"	" " R. U. Morgan,	2	50
"	" " Robert J. Parvin,	12	50
"	" " George Upfold,	18	00
"	" " J. N. Rogers,	6	00
"	" " Freeman Lane,	12	00
		226	00
June 5	" R. F. Hill, Sexton, for services in at- tending upon the Convention in May,	32	37
Sept. 8	" King & Baird, for printing the Journal of Convention, and Bishop's Charge,	292	75
Nov. 7	" Joseph Siddall, for transcribing the Minutes of the Conventions in 1848 and 1849,	20	00
1850. Feb'y 14	" R. F. Hill, for attendance upon the Standing Committee at their meet- ing in 1849,	10	00
Mar. 30	" Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., amount of travelling expenses on Epis. Visitations the past year,	228	55
Amount carried forward,		\$1109	17

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer.

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1849.			Dolls.	C.
May 10	By balance in treasury per account rendered,		109	72
14	Cash contribution, Calvary ch. Rockdale,	\$5 00		
	“ “ “ “ Philada.,	6 00		
	“ “ Trinity ch. New Castle, and } W. Gr'nville, Mercer co'ty, }	10 00		
	“ “ Christ ch. Meadville,	4 02		
	“ “ St. James' the Less, Ph. co'ty,	7 30		
	“ “ Christ ch. Towanda,	3 00		
	“ “ Advent ch. N. Liberties,	12 50		
	“ “ Trinity ch. Easton,	5 46		
	“ “ St. Andrew's ch. Phila.,		73	55
	“ “ Collection at the Communion in } St. Andrew's ch. 16th May, }		24	60
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Philada.,		20	00
	“ “ Gloria Dei ch. “		10	34
	“ “ Christ ch. Leacock,	3 00		
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Erie,	6 00		
	“ “ St. Peter's ch. Phoenixville,	4 50		
	“ “ St. John's ch. Norristown,	5 00		
	“ “ Grace ch. Honesdale,	5 00		
	“ “ All Saints ch. Paradise,	4 00		
	“ “ Christ ch. Reading,	10 50		
	“ “ Trinity ch. Freeport,	5 00		
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Kittaning,	4 75		
	“ “ Christ ch. Brownsville,	7 25		
	“ “ St. John's ch. New London,	2 28		
	“ “ St. James' ch. Lancaster,	16 00		
	“ “ St. Matthew's ch. Fr'sville,	10 00		
	“ “ Emanuel ch. Holmesburg,	2 89		
	“ “ All Saints ch. Lower Dublin,	5 50		
	“ “ St. Martin's ch. Marcus Hook,	5 00		
	“ “ Christ ch. Pottstown,	2 00		
	“ “ St. Gabriel's ch. Morlatten,	2 00		
	“ “ St. John's ch. Bellefonte,	2 50		
	“ “ St. Matthew's ch. Sunbury,	3 00		
	“ “ St. Luke's ch. Germantown,	5 00		
	“ “ Christ ch. Danville,	5 00		
	“ “ St. David's ch. Manayunk,	2 00		
	“ “ St. Peter's ch. Butler,	2 72		
	“ “ St. Stephen's ch. Wilksb're,	8 00		
	“ “ St. Mary's ch. West Phila.,	6 18		
	“ “ St. James' ch. Bristol,	2 50		
	“ “ Ch. of the Holy Trinity, West Chester,	8 05		
	“ “ Trinity ch. Pittsburgh,	20 00		
15	“ “ St. James' ch. Perkiomen,	5 00		
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Montrose,	4 87		
	“ “ St. Mark's ch. New Milford,	3 50		
	Amount carried forward,	\$232 27	238	21

Dr. The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

1850.		Dolls.	C.
April 12,	Amount brought forward, To cash paid Messrs. Biddle for binding } complete set of the Journal of Conven- tion by order of the Standing Committee. }	1109	17
May 14	To balance in the hands of Treasurer,	3	00
		148	18
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		\$1,260	35

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer.

Cr.

		Dolls.	C.
1849.	Amount brought forward,	\$232	27
May 15	By cash contribution, St. James' ch. Muney,	12	49
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. W. Whiteland,	3	00
	“ “ St. Mark's ch. Frankford,	3	00
	“ “ St. David's ch. Radnor,	1	14
	“ “ Christ ch. Williamsport,	5	00
	“ “ Ch. of the Ascension, Phila.	7	35
	“ “ St. John's ch. Pequea,	3	00
	“ “ Trinity ch. Pottsville,	5	00
	“ “ St. Paul's ch. Troy, Bradford county,	2	00
	“ “ Trinity ch. Oxford, Phila. county,	5	00
		279	25
	“ By cash contributions from sundry persons } to mileage of clergymen, }	207	50
July 24	By cash contributions, St. James' ch. Phila.,	42	77
Sept. 8	“ “ St. Peter's ch. “	50	00
Nov. 2	“ “ Christ ch. “	25	62
1850.			
April 9	“ “ All Saints ch. Moyamensing,	5	00
15	“ “ Grace ch. Phila. for 1849 and 1850,	100	00
27	“ “ Ch. of the Atonement, Phila.	25	00
29	“ “ St. James the Less, Philada. co'ty,	10	30
30	“ “ Trinity ch. Pottsville,	5	93
“	“ “ Emmanuel ch. Holmesburg,	4	22
May 1	“ “ St. Luke's ch. Philada.	75	00
6	“ “ Ch. of the Epiphany, do	50	00
9	“ “ Trinity ch. Pittsburg,	21	00
11	“ “ Christ ch. Danville,	4	46
13	“ “ Trinity ch. Oxford, Phila. county,	10	22
“	“ “ St. Stephen's ch. Phila.	50	00
“	“ “ St. Andrew's ch. “	55	87
		\$1260	35
May 14	By balance brought down,	148	18

E. E. THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.**Philadelphia, May 14th, 1850.*We have examined the above account and found
it correct.

RICH'D S. SMITH,	} Committee.
T. M. PETTIT,	

Philadelphia, May 14th, 1850.

Dr.

Christmas Fund for Infirm and Disabled Clergymen,

						Dolls.	C.
1849.						25	00
May 15	To cash paid	Rev. Richard Smith,	due 1st inst.,				
June 25	"	"	A. B. Hard, due 1 July,	\$62 50			
Sept. 28	"	"	"	1 Oct.,	62 50		
1850.							
Jan. 7	"	"	"	1 Jan.,	62 50		
Mar. 25	"	"	"	1 Ap.,	62 50		
1849.						250	00
July 2	"	Mrs. R. Bryant,	"	1 July,	25 00		
Oct. 1	"	"	"	1 Oct.,	25 00		
1850.							
Jan. 3	"	"	"	1 Jan.,	25 00		
April 2	"	"	"	1 April,	25 00		
1849.						100	00
May 12	"	Rev. Rob't Davis,	"	1 June,	50 00		
Sept. 19	"	"	"	1 Sept.,	50 00		
Dec. 10	"	"	"	1 Dec.,	50 00		
1850.							
Jan. 25	"	"	"	1 Mar.,	50 00		
1849.						200	00
July 30	"	" Wm. H. Bourns,	"	1 Oct.,	125 00		
Dec. 31	"	"	"	1 Jan.,	62 50		
1850.							
May 3	"	"	"	1 Ap'l,	62 50		
						250	00
Feb. 25	"	" S. T. Lord,	"	1 Sept.,		62	50
May 16	"	Bal. carried down in the hands of Treasurer,				626	00

We have examined the above account, compared it with the vouchers, and found it correct. The balance in the Treasurer's hands being six hundred and twenty-six dollars, and the investment one thousand dollars in City of Philadelphia Stock.

MOSES KEMPTON, }
WM. H. NEWBOLD, } *Committee,*

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1850.

\$1513 50

in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer.

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			Dolls.	C.
1849.				
May 10	By cash bal. in the hands of the Treasurer,		504	20
July 6	“ interest on the investment for one year,		47	00
May 15	“ contribution, Christ ch. N. Castle,	5 00		
	“ Trinity ch. Easton,	13 86		
Dec. 10	“ Elliott Cresson, Esq.,	5 00		
26	“ St. Andrew's ch. Phil.,	78 52		
“	“ St. Luke's ch. “	88 65		
“	“ Emmanuel ch. Holmesb'g,	12 32		
“	“ St. Peter's ch. Phila.,	221 38		
“	“ Ch. of the Adv't, “	24 30		
“	“ Gloria Dei ch. “	9 00		
27	“ St. Paul's ch. Chester, and	} 5 50		
	“ St. Martin's, Marcus Hook,			
28	“ Christ ch. Philada.,	80 41		
“	“ St. Stephen's ch. do,	56 30		
“	“ St. Philip's ch. do,	40 00		
29	“ St. Matthew's ch. Sunbury,	5 00		
“	“ Trinity ch. Easton,	15 00		
31	“ St. James' ch. Perkiomen,	8 60		
“	“ St. Stephen's ch. Wilksb're,	11 00		
“	“ St. James's ch. Philada.,	60 00		
1850.				
Jan. 3	“ Christ ch. Towanda,	2 00		
“	“ St. Peter's ch. Phila.	} 15 00		
	“ additional,			
“	“ Emmanuel ch. Holmesburg,	} 5 00		
	“ additional,			
“	“ Trinity ch. Southwark,	24 50		
9	“ Christ ch. Upper Merion,	2 50		
10	“ Trinity ch. Pittsburg,	80 00		
14	“ “ Oxford,	9 64		
“	“ Christ ch. Reading,	14 50		
15	“ “ Danville,	5 70		
18	“ St. James' ch. Muncy,	8 73		
“	“ Christ ch. Pottstown,	3 50		
“	“ St. Gabriel's ch. Morlatten,	1 50		
31	“ St. Stephen's ch. Harrisburg,	9 00		
Feb. 5	“ Mrs. Markoe for 1850,	5 00		
6	“ St. John's ch. Huntingdon,	5 00		
12	“ “ Bellefonte,	4 00		
Mar. 5	“ Ch. of the Holy Tr'y, West			
	“ Chester,	12 61		
18	“ All Saint's ch. Paradise,	3 50		
April 6	“ St. Mary's ch. Hamilton,	10 78		
			962	30
			1513	50
May 16	By bal. brought down in the hands of Treasurer, E. E. THOMAS ROBINS, Treasurer. Philadelphia, May 16th, 1850.		626	00

in account with John Welsh, Jr., Treasurer.

Cr.

		Dolls.		C.
1849.				
May	8	By balance as per last account submitted,		387 03
		<i>Receipts from PARISHES during the year.</i>		
12		Christ church.	Towanda,	3 00
14		St. Ja's the Less,	Phila. Co.	7 30
15		Christ,	Meadville,	3 46
17		All Saints',	New Dublin,	13 66
"		Advent,	Philada.	12 50
"		Emmanuel	Holmesburg,	2 91
18		Christ,	Greensburg,	4 00
"		St. Peter's,	Indiana Co.,	3 52
"		St. Luke's,	Germantown,	5 00
"		Emmanuel,	Kensington,	10 00
"		Christ,	Danville,	5 00
"		St. Mark's,	Lewistown,	3 00
19		St. Matthew's,	Francisville,	10 00
21		St. Mary's,	Hamilton,	26 50
"		Holy Trinity,	West Chester,	8 05
"		St. John's,	Pequea,	8 18
28		" " "	Carlisle,	10 00
31		St. James',	Lancaster, for	
			1848-9,	24 25
July	18	" " "	Perkiomen,	4 50
Aug.	24	Gloria Dei,	Southwark,	10 00
Sep.	18	St. James',	Muncy,	5 00
	28	St. Peter's,	Phoenixville,	6 27
1850.				
Jan.	23	Christ,	Leacock,	3 00
Feb.	1	St. Stephen's,	Harrisburg,	20 00
Mar.	22	" " "	Wilkesbarre,	15 04
April	5	St. John's,	Bellefonte,	3 50
	9	St. David's,	Manayunk,	5 50
	10	Grace,	Honesdale, for	
			1848-49,	5 00
"		" " "	Danville,	6 29
15		Christ,	Pottstown,	4 00
18		St. Thomas,	Whitemarsh,	3 00
20		Trinity,	Pittsburg,	80 00
24		All Saint's,	Paradise,	3 00
27		Atonement,	Phila.,	50 00
29		St. Ja's the Less,	Philada. Co.,	10 30
"		St. Mary's,	Hamilton,	40 85
30		Emmanuel,	Holmesburg,	4 18
May	1	St. Luke's,	Philada.	57 85
"		St. James',	Kingsessing,	7 32
	6	St. Peter's,	Philada.	50 00
				554 93
		Amount carried over,		941 96

Dr.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

1850.		Dolls.	
May 7	Amount brought over, Balance,	3885	00
		413	51
<p data-bbox="242 495 830 737">The undersigned appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account, and found the same correct. They also have examined the certificates of stock in which the fund is invested, and found the same to amount to twenty thousand two hundred and ninety⁸³/₁₀₀ dollars. (\$20,290⁸³/₁₀₀.)</p> <p data-bbox="391 754 827 807">RICHARD S. SMITH, } T. M. PETTIT, } <i>Committee.</i></p> <p data-bbox="267 825 618 855"><i>Philadelphia, May 14th, 1850.</i></p> <p data-bbox="242 971 830 1248">The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is invested in Five per cent Stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to twenty thousand two hundred and ninety⁸³/₁₀₀ dollars. The investment has been increased during the year by the purchase of a certificate for four hundred and thirty eight⁷⁵/₁₀₀ dollars, at a cost of three hundred and eighty-five dollars.</p> <p data-bbox="334 1277 812 1412">JAMES L. SMITH, } G. M. WHARTON, } <i>Trustees of the</i> T. M. PETTIT, } <i>Episcopal Fund.</i> THOMAS ROBINS, } JNO. WELSH, JR. }</p>			
		4298	51

in account with John Welsh, Jr., Treasurer.

Cr.

				Dolls.	C.
1849.		Amount brought over,		941	96
		<i>Receipts from INVESTMENTS.</i>			
Aug. 4	1850.	6 mos. int. on \$19,852.08 Penn. 5 per ct.			
		loan, less $24\frac{82}{100}$ state tax,	\$471 48		
Feb. 6		6 mos. int. on \$20,290.83 Penn. 5 per ct.			
		loan, less $25\frac{36}{100}$ state tax,	481 91	953	39
1849.		<i>Receipts from the A. DOZ LEGACY, for the support of the Episcopate.</i>			
Aug. 13		Wm. Stewart's ground rent, 6 mos.,	72 00		
"		Six mos. int. on Penn. 5 per ct. loan,	35 31		
Sep. 6		Mrs. M'Call's ground rent,	9 00		
1850.					
Feb. 5		Six mos. int. on Penn. 5 per ct. loan,	35 31		
11		Wm. Stewart's ground rent, 6 mos.,	72 00	223	62
1849.		<i>Receipts from the PILMORE LEGACY, per R. R. Montgomery Esq. Treas.</i>			
Sep. 4		Six mos. int. on \$7664.57 Penn. 5 per ct.			
1850.		loan, less tax,	182 03		
Feb. 1		" " "	182 03	364	06
1850.		<i>Receipts from the LEGACY OF MISS SARAH HUTCHINS, per R. R. Montgomery Esq. Treas.</i>			
Feb. 1		Six mos. int. on \$1880.58 Penn. 5 per ct. loan,			
		less tax,	44 66	44	66
1849.		<i>Receipts from the LOAN IN AID OF THE FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE EPISCOPATE IN PENN., held in trust by the P. E. Soc'y for the Advancement of Christianity in Penn., per R. R. Montgomery, Esq. Treas.</i>			
July 3		Six mos. int. on \$4000, U. S. loan,	100 00		
Sep. 4		Proportion of " 3348.80, Penn. loan,	60 41		
1850.					
Jan. 2		" " 4000, U. S. loan,	80 87		
Feb. 1		Six mos. " 3348.80, Penn. loan,	79 54	320	82
1849.		<i>Receipts from SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, IN AID OF THE BISHOP'S SALARY.</i>			
July 10		St. James' ch. Phila.	150 00		
Nov. 2		Christ " "	150 00		
16		Epiphany " "	150 00		
Dec. 6		St. Stephen's " "	150 00		
1850.					
Jan. 4		St. Andrew's " "	150 00		
10		St. Paul's " "	150 00		
24		Grace " "	150 00		
25		St. Peter's " "	150 00		
Feb. 1		St. Philip's " "	100 00		
Mar. 18		St. Luke's " "	150 00	1450	
1850.				4298	51
May 7		By bal. (to my cr. in the B'k of N. Am. as Treas. of the E Fund.)		413	51
		JOHN WELSH, JR. Treasurer.			
		Philadelphia, May 7th, 1850.			

